



**Name:** Aromatic Aster    *Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*

**Phonetic Spelling:** sim-fy-oh-TRY-kum ob-long-ee-FOH-lee-um

**Description:** a native perennial wildflower that's name comes from the balsam-like fragrance it gives off when its rigid stems are crushed. It is found on rock outcrops and dry woodlands over limestone, and calcareous shale. The flowers are composite of approximately 30 purple ray flowers and yellow disk flowers.

**Height:** 4" to 30"

**Bloom Color:** Purple

**Bloom Season:** Autumn, Summer

**Sun:** Full Sun 6 + Hours

**Soil:** Well drained soil, Clay, Silt, Sand

**Pollinators:** Attracts many insects, butterflies and birds.

**Pests:** Relatively pest free if cultural preferences are met.

**Cultivation & Management:** Plant crown at soil level. Water the roots and surrounding area slowly and deeply. Keep soil moist until plant is established. Do not allow mulch to touch the plant stems.

**Sources:**

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