

Aster laevis

Smooth Blue Aster

Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Can tolerate wet-mesic conditions for short durations and seasonal inundation. Species prefers dry upland areas.

Wildlife Value

Attracts orange sulphur butterflies.

Application/Zone

Used to slow stormwater runoff and provide upland slope buffer stabilization.

Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- Easily propagated from seed. No germination treatments are needed.
- Seeds can be stored dry.
- Cuttings may be rooted.

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Mature Height

3-5 feet

Plant Type

Perennial herb

Indicator Status

[Upland]

pH

5-6.5

Nutrient Load Tolerance

Low

Salt Tolerance

Low

Siltation Tolerance

Low to moderate

Flowering Color and Time

Lavender-blue

August to October

Light Preference

Partial to full sun

Seeding Rate

.02 - .125 lbs/acre

