

# Aster laevis

## Smooth Aster



Large, sky blue to violet flowers. Foliage is blue-green. Typical of open fields, or the margins of upland forests; abundant in Oakland county. Provide good air circulation to prevent downy mildew. Also known as *Aster oolentangiensis*.

**Suggested companions:** stiff goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*), showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparius*), big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*)

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Plant Type: Wildflower  
Size: 2-4' H  
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Water Tolerant: No

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist

Flower Color:

Blue  
Purple

Bloom Time:

August  
September  
October

Other Attributes:

Deer resistant  
Fall color  
Butterfly attracting

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie  
Woodland Margin

Exposure: sun  
filtered

Plant in:

Groundcover: No