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## False Aster

*Boltonia asteroides*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: False Chamomile

### Description:

From late summer until fall, tiny, daisy-like flowers in loose panicles cover this aster-like plant with erect, branching stems and lance shaped, gray-green leaves; attracts hummingbirds and bees; very adaptable and hardy; great for naturalizing

### Ornamental Features

False Aster is covered in stunning clusters of lightly-scented white daisy flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves emerge light green in spring, turning grayish green in color. The foliage often turns yellow in fall.

### Landscape Attributes

False Aster is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

False Aster is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*False Aster flowers*  
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*False Aster in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

### **Planting & Growing**

False Aster will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is native to parts of North America.

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