**New England Aster**  
( natives)

3-4’ x 2-3’, robust, upright. Forms a thick clump after a few years.  
CT native, found in moist meadows, open woods, fields, thickets, stream banks, low valleys.

Profuse 1” violet blue flowers with yellow-orange center disks, at the tips of leafy branches, August-October.

3-4” narrow rough lance-shaped leaves, dense on stout stems.

Sun to part sun. Moist to average well-drained soil, prefers moist rich soil.  
Good air circulation.
Add a little lime for best growth.
Pinching stems back a few times before Mid-July helps control plant height.

Use in borders, cottage gardens, and meadows.

One of the most important nectar flowers, supporting 105 native butterflies. Larval host for Pearl Crescent Butterflies and several moths. Nectar for Monarchs.

Special value for Native Bees, Bumblebees, Honeybees.

Birds eat seeds.

Photos: North Central Conservation District