

# SMOOTH ASTER

(*Symphyotrichum laeve*)



## NORTHWEST MICHIGAN INVASIVE SPECIES NETWORK

Protecting, enhancing, and promoting Northwest Michigan's natural communities through terrestrial invasive plant management and outreach.

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Is smooth aster right for your garden?



2-4 ft tall  
1-2 ft wide

Sept-Oct



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## Key Features:



Tom Potterfield

### Rosette

Starts season as a small rosette. Unlike other asters, leaves are smooth.



Steve Burt

### Pollinators

Attracts many species of native pollinators, including this hoverfly.



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### Visitors to Explore

Hosts caterpillars of this silvery checkerspot butterfly. Also hosts the banded woolly bear, and caterpillars of the pale banded dart.