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Aster *umbellatus*

Tall Flat-topped White Aster



Also called flat-top aster. White, yellow-centered flowers, in flat clusters, a large one (sometimes as much as 1' across!) at the top of the stem, and many smaller ones at the ends of side branches. Really spectacular in bloom. Usually found in moist sites in the wild, although it does well in drier soil, and tolerates quite a bit of shade. One of the earlier-blooming asters.

Suggested companions: Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), Virginia wild rye (*Elymus virginicus*), goldenrods (*Solidago* sp.).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 3-5' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet

Flower Color:
White

Bloom Time:
August
September

Other Attributes:

Fall color
Deer resistant
Butterfly attracting

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Forested Upland
Forested Wetland
Wet Meadow
Streamside
Shrubby Wetland

Exposure: sun
filtered

Plant in:

Groundcover: No