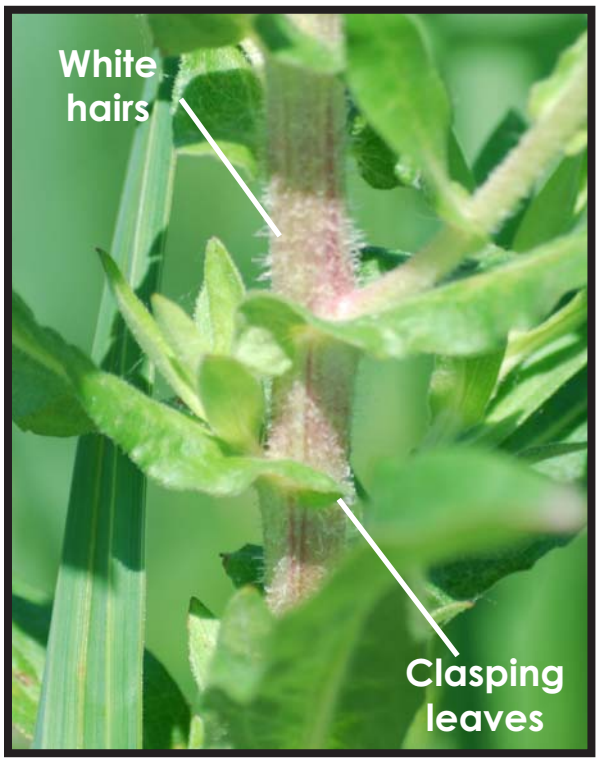
New England aster

Symphiotrichum novae-angliae

Minnesota C-Value: 3

Wetland Indicator Status: FACW

Native



Leaves: Alternate, clasping, lance-shaped, entire. Leaves 3-7 cm long and 1-2.5 cm wide. Variable levels of hair.

Stems: 1-6 ft tall, often covered with white glandular hairs that can be seen with a magnifying lens.

Flowers and fruit: Clusters of flower heads 1.5-3 cm wide with 45-100 rosy-purple ray flowers and yellow-orange disc flowers. Nutlets densely covered with silky hairs.

Plant communities: Moist woods, forests, wet meadows and prairies, streambanks.

Comments: Perennial. Formerly classified as *Aster novae-angliae*. Although variable in color of flower and size of plant, clasping entire leaves and rosy-purple flowers are identifying characteristics.