

## smooth aster *Symphyotrichum* leave

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Asterales

Family: Asteraceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### FEATURES

A single plant may attain a height of up to 36 inches. This member of the aster family has smooth stems with a blue-green appearance to the stems and leaves. Leaves clasp the stem. The flower heads have violet-to-blue ray flowers.

### BEHAVIORS

Smooth aster is found in prairies, roadsides, fens and on rock ledges statewide. Flowers are produced from July through October. Pollinators are attracted to the pollen and nectar of the flowers.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

**wet prairies and fens**

Woodland Habitats

**none**

Prairie and Edge Habitats

**black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie**

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