Help spread flowers that are native to the North Eastern United States! Whether you plant them in your garden or in a field, along the road or in a pot on your balcony, you will be doing Mother Nature a favor. Late blooming **New England Aster** is very attractive to many species of bees and butterflies that are native to our area and feed on the nectar.

If you choose to sow these seeds in the wild, try to follow the instructions to some degree to enhance the chances that the seeds will take.

Contents: New England Aster Seeds (Symphyotrichum novae-angliae)

Temperature: 65 - 75F
Average Germ Time: 21 - 45 days
Depth: Sow seed on surface in rich, moist soil, lightly cover.
Sowing Rate: 3 - 4 seeds per plant
Keep moist until germination
Plant Spacing: 2-4 feet
Blooms: August-October.
Height: 1 to 6 feet.

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is visited by long-tongued bees, bee flies, butterflies, and skippers. Short-tongued bees and Syrphid flies also visit the flowers, but they collect pollen primarily and are non-pollinating. Among the long-tongued bees are such visitors as bumblebees, honeybees, Miner bees, and large Leaf-Cutting bees. Cross-pollination by these insects is essential, otherwise the seeds will be infertile. The caterpillars of many moths feed on various parts of the plant. Other insects feeding on this plant include Tarnished Plant Bug, Four-Lined Plant Bug, Chrysanthemum Lace Bug, and Potato Aphid. The seeds and leaves of this plant are sometimes eaten by the Wild Turkey. Deer and rabbits occasionally browse on the foliage, sometimes eating the entire plant, but it isn't their favorite food.
This plant is known for its medicinal values as an: analgesic or pain reliever, antidiarrheal, fever reducer, respiratory aid, dermatological aid and stimulant.

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