



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Prairie Aster (*Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*)



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Zone: 3-8

Color: Purple

Bloom Time: April to October

Plant Type: Annual or biennial herb

Mature Height: 6-24" tall

Mature Spread: 8" wide

Water Use: Low, average

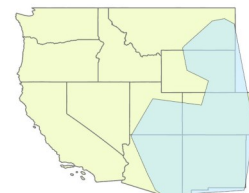
Soil Type: Loamy and sandy soils; gravelly and well-drained

Range and Native Habitat: The Prairie Aster ranges from northern Mexico through southwestern and central United States in a wide range of habitats. Plant communities include pine forests, chaparral, creosote, pinyon juniper, and grassy areas, as well as roadsides, streams, and disturbed areas.

Suggested Maintenance: Periodic watering will encourage flowering. The species is a prolific re-seeder.

Other: The Prairie Aster is also known as Tansyleaf Aster and Tahoka Aster. The roots of the Prairie Aster were used by Native Americans for several medicinal purposes. The plant is a great choice for short grass meadows, rocky slopes and between flagstones.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun to part shade



Water Needs
Low, average



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Slow, medium



Propagation
By seed, no treatment