



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Grey Aster or Blueleaf Aster (*Eurybia glauca*)



Zone: 4-9

Color: Grey to Pale Purple

Bloom Time: July to November

Plant Type: Perennial herbaceous

Mature Height: 20-30"

Mature Spread: 20-30"

Water Use: Low to Moderate

Soil Type: Is adaptable to dry, sandy, or even loamy soils, and can tolerate a range of soil textures as long as moisture levels are consistent and not waterlogged. The plant's main requirement is that the soil allows for good drainage to prevent root rot, and performs best if the soil does not completely dry out between waterings, though it will tolerate mild drought conditions.

Range and Native Habitat: The Grey Aster is native to the western United States, primarily in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, with some populations in Idaho. It is generally found in the western parts of the Rocky Mountains.

Suggested Maintenance: Well drained soils are important for *Eurybia glauca* - while it can handle drought, it performs best in soils that do not stay consistently dry, particularly at establishment. Divide every 3 years to keep the center of the plant healthy - Grey Aster is a slow spreader, but spreads by rhizomes. Cut back in late spring.

Other: Grey Aster is an important late season nectar source for many native bees and butterflies.

Wildlife Supported

Distribution Map



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Low to Moderate



Summer Irrigation
Max 4x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, 2-3 mos stratification, scarification recommended