



Stokes Aster

Stokesia laevis

Plant Description – non-native, herb, semi-evergreen, perennial

Height: 1 – 2 ft **Width/Spread:** 1 – 1.5 ft



Leaves

Shape: linear & lanceolate

Arrangement: alternate

Margin: entire & serrate

Form: simple

Leaf Description: basal leaves are lanceolate with entire margins, stem leaves are linear with serrate margins and the leaves have no hair on them

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: white, blue, purple

In Bloom: May - Sep

Flower Shape: stellate (star-shaped)

Flower(s) Description: heads of flowers are 3-4 inches across, with deeply divided ray and disk florets; heads are typically produced singly, but sometimes in clusters; ray florets (narrow, petal-like, infertile floret that surround the disk) are notched and disk florets (tubular, fertile floret that forms disk) are feathery



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds & Rhizomes

Seed Type: Dry seed pod

Seed Season: Summer

Fruit and Seed Description: papery-brown bracts surround nutlets, which are ¼ inches when mature

Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies and Native Bees

Maintenance Notes

In warmer regions leaves remain green in winter; prefers heavy water with good drainage (*water two-three times per week during the summer and twice per week during the rest of the year*)