

BOG ASTER  
*Aster nemoralis*

Located in sphagnous and sandy bogs and along peaty shores and pond-margins from northern Delaware to Canada.

A perennial by long thread-like, creeping rhizomes; the stems are unbranched or branched only at the top; sparingly covered with short hairs; 5 to 90 cm high. Leaves are stalkless, linear or lance-shaped, narrowed at the base and tip, very numerous (40 to 100), generally all of the same size, hairy on both surfaces, may be toothed or toothless; 1 to 6 cm long, 1 to 8 mm wide. One to several flowers, each on its own long, slender stalk; 2.5 to 4 cm broad; composed of 15 to 25, light violet-purple to rose-pink rays and yellowish disc; blooming from July to September.

The seeds and leaves may be used for food by birds and small mammals. Food value is limited.

