



NEW YORK ASTER
Aster novi-belgii

Located in bogs, damp thickets, meadows and swamps along the coast throughout the Division. Highly variable with several recognized varieties which differ in leaf form.

A slender-stemmed perennial, usually much branched, hairless (or slightly hairy above); 0.2 to 1 m high. The leaves are oblong or linear-lance shaped, somewhat fleshy, generally hairless, toothless or slightly toothed, narrowing at base and apex, stalkless or slightly clasping the stem (lower leaves may have short stalks); 5 to 15 cm long. Flowers usually numerous, each on the end of a leafy stalk, 15 to 25 violet rays with yellowish disc; 2 to 3 cm wide; greenish bracts at the base of the flower heads with outward-curving tips; blooming from late July to October.

Food value is limited.