



## Blue Star Japanese Aster

*Kalimeris incisa 'Blue Star'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: False Aster

### Description:

A distinguished low growing variety with lush green leaves; forms a blanket of daisy-like light blue flowers with a hint of pink and yellow centers; great for large mass plantings and border fronts; drought tolerant once established

### Ornamental Features

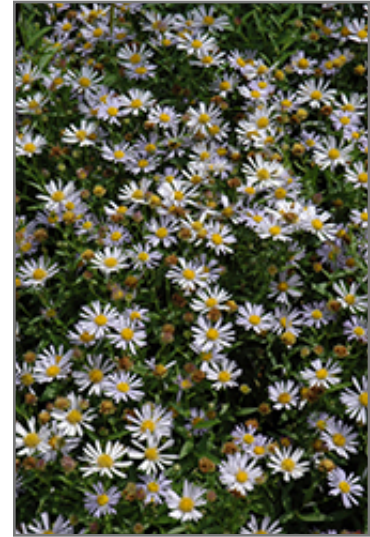
Blue Star Japanese Aster is blanketed in stunning powder blue daisy flowers with shell pink overtones and yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from mid summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes

Blue Star Japanese Aster is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Star Japanese Aster is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Blue Star Japanese Aster flowers*  
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*Blue Star Japanese Aster in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Blue Star Japanese Aster will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Blue Star Japanese Aster is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

### **Growing Place Choice Plants**

Our Growing Place Choice plants are chosen because they are strong performers year after year, staying attractive with less maintenance when planted in the right place.