

# CALIFORNIA ASTER

*Symphyotrichum chilense*



Cheerful, light purple blooms, summer to fall in the San Francisco Bay Area. Butterflies and moths consume the nectar and birds eat the seed after blooms have departed. Spreads easily. Deer resistant. Also called Pacific Aster.

This plant is a member of the sunflower family.



## BIODIVERSITY VALUE MEDIUM

BUTTERFLIES/MOTHS  
53

**BIRDS**  
Northern Mockingbirds, House Finches, California Thrashers, orioles, Cedar Waxwings, Oak Titmice, nuthatches, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, American Crows, California Scrub and Stellar's Jays, vireos, Bewick's and House Wrens, White-crowned Sparrows, Downy, Hairy and Nuttall's woodpeckers



CEDAR  
WAXWING



CALIFORNIA  
SCRUB JAY



DOWNY  
WOODPECKER



**TYPE** Perennial herb



**SIZE** 1.3-3.5 ft. tall / 3 ft. wide



**SUN** Full sun or part shade.  
A wandering border flower or groundcover, decorative near grassy areas. Cut back after blooms have seeded.



**WATER** Low



**SOIL** Loamy clay

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