

Botanical Name: Stokesia laevis

Common Name: Stokes aster

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character semi-deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape basal clump of smooth, firm textured leaves -- flower

heads held high above foliage; not especially vigorous or aggressive

Height 1-2' Spread 2-3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to light shade

Soil needs a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-9, 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves oblong to lanceolate to 8" long with spiny teeth towards

base; leaves originate from a basal rosette

Flowers summer-early fall, heads aster-like 2-5" across; blue,

purple or white

Fruit small achenes

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: in perennial borders as a source of cool color, good in

rock gardens, containers and raised beds; makes a long-lasting cut flower

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release in spring

Pruning cut back dead leaves and flowers--divide if too large

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Special Conditions

Origin: Southeastern North Amer. Family: Compositae