



Prince Aster

Aster lateriflorus 'Prince'

Aster Family (Asteraceae)

Zones: 4-8

Full Sun to Partial Shade

High Water

Location: Courtyard, Rose Garden

Prince Aster is a plant of many design uses. In the spring, its profuse branching and tiny purplish-green leaves make a small shrub-like mound that adds instant color to the garden. As summer approaches, the leaves turn darker purple on 18 to 24 inch plants which can add contrast to show off pastel colored annuals or perennials. Then towards the fall when other color displays are fading, Prince Aster produces a multitude of small white blooms with raspberry-red centers. It provides constant color during the growing season to add depth, interest and texture to garden beds.

Prince Aster will tolerate all soils but likes a fertile soil if possible. It does well in full sun. Due to its growth habit it does not require staking, and it is mildew resistant unlike some members in this family.