

Where Have All the Asters Gone?			Marion Lobstein (mblobstein@earthlink.net) May 2015
"Aster" Genera	Authority (who proposed the genus) & date proposed	Meaning	"Aster" Species in our area and "modern" names
Aster	Carl Linnaeus 1753	Greek for "star"	<i>A. tataricus</i> -Tartarian aster-no change (an introduced species from Asia)
Doellingeria	Nees (Christian Nees von Isenbeck) 1832	Named in honor of German botanist Ignatz Doellinger	<i>A. infirmus</i> -Cornel-leaved aster now <i>Doellingeria infirma</i> <i>A. umbellatus</i> -Flat-top white aster now <i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>
Eurybia	Alexandre De Cassini 1820	Greek for "wide" and "few (small and wide) rays	<i>A. divaricatus</i> -White wood aster now <i>Eurybia divaricata</i> <i>A. macrophyllus</i> -Bigleaf aster now <i>Eurybia macrophylla</i> <i>A. schreberi</i> -Schreber's aster now <i>Eurybia schreberi</i>
Ionactis	Edward Lee Greene 1897	Greek for "violet rays"	<i>A. linariifolius</i> -Stiff-leaved aster now <i>Ionactis linariifolius</i>
Oclemena	Edward Lee Greene 1903	Derivation unknown	<i>Aster acuminatus</i> -Mountain aster now <i>Oclemena acuminata</i>
Symphyotrichum	Nees (Christian Nees von Isenbeck) 1832	Greek for "born (grown) together" and "hair" (perhaps referring to the hair-like pappi)	<i>A. cordifolius</i> -Blue wood aster - <i>Symphyotrichum cordifolium</i> <i>A. dumosus</i> -Bushy aster - <i>Symphyotrichum dumosum</i> <i>A. ericoides</i> -Heath aster now <i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i> <i>A. laevis</i> -Smooth aster now <i>Symphyotrichum laevis</i> <i>A. lateriflorus</i> -Calico aster now <i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i> <i>A. lowrieanus</i> -Lowrie's aster now <i>Symphyotrichum lowrieianum</i> <i>A. novae-angliae</i> -New England aster now <i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i> <i>A. oblongifolius</i> -Shale barren aster - <i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i> <i>A. patens</i> -Late purple aster- <i>Symphyotrichum patens</i> <i>A. pilosus</i> -White heath aster - <i>Symphyotrichum pilosum</i> <i>A. prenanthoides</i> -Crooked-stem aster - <i>Symphyotrichum prenanthoides</i> <i>A. puniceus</i> -Purple-stem aster - <i>Symphyotrichum puniceum</i> <i>A. sagittifolius</i> -Arrow-leaved aster- <i>Symphyotrichum cordifolium</i> <i>A. shortii</i> -Short's aster- <i>Symphyotrichum shortii</i> <i>A. simplex</i> -Panicked aster, tall white aster - <i>Symphyotrichum lanceolatum</i> ssp. <i>lanceolatum</i> <i>A. undulatus</i> -Wavy leaved aster - <i>Symphyotrichum undulatum</i> <i>A. vimineus</i> -Small white aster- <i>Symphyotrichum lanceolatum</i> ssp. <i>lanceolatum</i>