

Symphotrichum lanceolatum

COMMON NAME

sea aster

SYNONYMS

Aster lanceolatus Willd.

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Symphotrichum lanceolatum (Willd.) G. L. Nesom

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Glabrose or rarely with a few scattered hairs on upper stem.

DISTRIBUTION

Widespread naturalised species recorded from all the main islands of the New Zealand archipelago and also the Kermadec Islands.

SIMILAR TAXA

Distinguished from *Aster novi-belgii* and its hybrids by the narrower leaves with cuneate bases, and the smaller capitula with usually white, narrow (usually < 1mm) ligules.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1896

ORIGIN

N. and possibly C. and S. America

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/symphotrichum-lanceolatum/>

