

# Mary Gregory Stoke's Aster



A beautiful and easy to grow native perennial that attracts butterflies.



## *Stokesia laevis* 'Mary Gregory'

- **Use:** Named after Mary Gregory of Columbia, S.C. and introduced by Kim Hawkes of Niche Gardens. Light yellow flowers cover the lax 2' stems, of this U.S. native, in midsummer for 3-4 weeks. Deadhead to prolong bloom. In northern climates, plant in full sun in acidic, well-drained soil. Considered drought tolerant once established. Remains evergreen in warmer climates, and appreciates a little afternoon shade. Attracts butterflies! Beautiful combined with blues, pinks or purples in the garden.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. During the winter they prefer well-drained soils. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Grows 12-18" tall and 18-24" wide with a moderate growth rate.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Perennial; May reseed under good conditions though it may be unlikely to where mulched.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. forms a rosette clump of strap like leathery leaves. This perennial can be divided and should be every 3 years.
- **Flower:** 3" soft primrose yellow, cornflower-like daisies are born in summer