

Riptide Stoke's Aster



Stokesia laevis 'Riptide' PPAF **TOTALLY STOKED™ Series**

- **Use:** This summer bloomer brings a touch of crisp white to a hot sunny Southern garden. 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. These selections are from the North Carolina State University hybridizing program and are proven to thrive in the heat and humidity of southern summers.
- **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 1-2' tall and 3' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Forms a rosette clump of strap like leathery leaves. This perennial can be divided and should be every 3 years.
- **Flower:** 2.5-3" wide broad, upward-facing flowers of silvery sky blue with a slight hint of lavender. Blooms continue to appear, from June to August, on the compact, low plants throughout the summer. Makes an excellent cut flower and butterfly magnet.



Stokesia is a native North American wildflower. It has been grown for many years for its beautiful flowers and ease of culture. Because of its heat tolerance, it is widely grown in the south.

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