

# flat-topped aster

## *Doellingeria umbellata*

### FEATURES

Flower heads develop in clusters at the stem tip. The ray flowers are white, while the disk flowers are yellow. The seeds produced from fertilized flowers are dry, hard and have a tuft of hairs. The plant may attain a height of two to five feet.

### BEHAVIORS

Flat-topped aster grows in fens, bogs and low areas in the northern one-half of the state. Flowers are produced from July through October. Many pollinators are attracted to the flowers, and many other animals eat the seeds of this species.

### TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Asterales  
Family: Asteraceae

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### ILLINOIS RANGE





**Aquatic Habitats**

peatlands; wet prairies and fens

**Woodland Habitats**

none

**Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none