

stiff aster

Oligoneuron album

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Stiff aster is a perennial herb. Its leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. The leaves are simple, entire or toothed and linear or lance-shaped. White flowers are arranged in heads. Flowers contain both ray and disk flowers. The one-seeded fruit is dry and hard. This plant may attain a height of one to two feet.

BEHAVIORS

Stiff aster may be found in the northern one-half of Illinois. It grows in dry prairies and sandy soil. Flowers are produced from August through September. Insects are the main agent of pollination.

leaves and stem



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plants with flowers



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ILLINOIS RANGE



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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie