

## stiff aster *Oligoneuron album*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: 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.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie

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