

NEW ENGLAND BLUE ASTER

Asteraceae



The genus *Aster* once contained nearly 600 species in Eurasia and North America, but after morphologic and molecular research on the genus during the 1990s, it was decided that the North American species are better treated in a series of other related genera

The name *Aster* comes from the Ancient Greek word ἀστήρ (*astér*), meaning "star", referring to the shape of the flower head. Many species and a variety of hybrids and varieties are popular as garden plants because of their attractive and colourful flowers.