

Blue Mistflower



Conoclinium coelestinum (formerly *Eupatorium coelestinum*)

Vigorous, long blooming native with excellent wildlife value

- deer resistant,
- tolerant of average to poorly drained soil,
- clay adapted,
- aggressive spreader
- full sun with adequate moisture. In partial shade, can tolerate dry sites
- Try with Spotted Bee Balm, Great Blue Lobelia, Bottlebrush Grass



Related to the Joe Pyes and Bonesets, Mistflower or Wild Ageratum is similarly beloved by pollinators. These plants contain alkaloids that some species of male butterflies need to make pheromones. The alkaloid content, however, makes plants bitter and unpalatable to deer and other herbivores. and is a source of high quality forage from late summer into the first frosts. It can be aggressive to the point of being weedy, but allow it space and it rewards with a long season of bloom and a parade of butterflies. Excellent to stabilize creek banks. Prefers rich soils that do not dry completely out. Grows 18 inches to 3 feet tall, but responds well to the Chelsea Chop, a severe pruning in mid to late spring often used to control height and maximize bloom.