

## Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick' Peachie's Pick Stokes' Aster

Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick' (Peachie's Pick Stokes' Aster) is a lush dwarf aster selected from Peachie Saxon's garden in Mississippi, where it gets its name. Compared to the straight species, this plant is compact and much smaller (1-1.5' tall), making it a great alternative for fall mums. Its blue-purple flower petals have delicate fringing, creating a soft, fine texture. With occasional trimming of the stems, flowers will emerge and bloom continuously. Leaves are a medium green, narrow and pointed, but often obscured by the dense mound of flowers during the extensive bloom period from June through September. Bees, butterflies, and other pollinators are attracted to the flowers, while songbirds eat the seeds in fall and winter. This plant does best in sandy soils in full sun, and can tolerate drought once established, though it prefers even moisture. This plant must have well-drained soils as it is sensitive to wet winter soil. It works well in containers gardens, border plantings, and is wonderful as a cut flower.

**Botanical Name:** Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'

**Common Name:** Peachie's Pick Stokes' Aster

**Family:** Asteraceae

**Nativity:** North America

**USDA Zone:** 5-9

**Light Type:** Full sun

**Soil Type:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Preferences:** Well-drained, sandy soil

**Soil Moisture:** Medium to Dry

**Typical height (ft):** 1-1.5'

**Typical width (ft):** 1-1.5'

**Foliage:** Dark green

**Bloom Time:** June, July, August, September

**Bloom:** Blue-purple

**Ecological features:** Attracts butterflies, moths, and other pollinators; birds eat the seeds in fall and winter

**Tolerance of:** Deer, rabbit, drought, heat, salt

**Additional notes:** Works well for border and container plantings

**Companion plants:** Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Yarrow (*Achillea* spp.), Purple Milkweed (*Asclepias purpurascens*), Muhly Grass (*Muhlenbergia* spp.), Junegrass (*Koeleria* spp.)

**For more information see:**

<https://www.northcreeknurseries.com/plantName/Stokesia-laevis-Peachies-Pick>

<https://www.americanmeadows.com/perennials/unique-perennials/stokesia-peachies-pick>

<https://www.monrovia.com/plant-catalog/plants/3951/peachies-pick-stokes-aster/>

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=258937&isprofile=0&>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/stokesia-laevis/>

**Images of Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'**



Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'-1.png  
Flower close-up



Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'-2.jpg  
Clumped form with dense flowers



Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'-3.jpg  
Winter form



Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'-4.jpg  
Foliage, flower buds & flowers

**Image choices for narrative:**

- Stokesia laevis 'Peachie's Pick'-4.jpg - Foliage, flower buds & flowers
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