Aster novae-angliae
NEW ENGLAND ASTER (Composite Family)

Stem stout, bristly-hairy. Flower head 1-2’ wide, with numerous (40-50) violet-purple rays (occasionally rose-colored or white). Leaves lance-shaped, clasping. 2-8’ high (61-244 cm)

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