

**Perennial for part-shade and butterfly magnet:
Gregg's Mistflower (*Eupatorium greggii*, *Conoclinium greggii*,)**

Description: Gregg's Mistflower (*Conoclinium greggii*, formerly *Eupatorium greggii*), also called Boneset or Gregg's Eupatorium, is native to the southwestern US. It is a small to medium-sized perennial that can grow from 9 inches to 3 feet tall; in gardens it is usually 1.5 to 2 feet tall. Its leaves are palmate and deeply divided into 3 lobes approximately 5 inches long. Gregg's Mistflower has a tendency to sprawl and with its roots traveling through the soil, spreads out from its initial planting site. Like many perennials in North Texas, it goes dormant over the winter.



Photo: Kathy Saucier

Flowers: From late July through frost, Gregg's Mistflower blooms with small lavender to light-blue flowers that cluster together, forming 2 inch flower heads. The peak display is from mid-September through October.

Planting sites: Gregg's Mistflower should be planted in dappled shade to part shade.

Watering Instructions: Like most Texas natives, Gregg's Mistflower will need supplemental water during the first growing season; after it is established, it will thrive with existing rainfall except during extreme drought. However, if it is planted in full sun, it will need supplemental water.

Comments: Gregg's Mistflower is an outstanding addition to the fall garden with its annual display of lavender blue flowers. Its bloom coincides with the migration of Monarch butterflies, which are attracted to its nectar. Thus, Gregg's Mistflower is frequently found covered with butterflies during the autumn. Consider planting this butterfly magnet with Hill Country Aster and using it to substitute for chrysanthemums.

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