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Aster divaricatus

[Synonyms : *Aster corymbosus*, *Aster squamatus*, *Eurybia divaricatus*]

WHITE WOOD ASTER is a perennial. Native to North America it has daisy-like bronzy-yellow centred, white flowers.

It is also known as *Vit skogsaster* (Swedish).

Divaricatus means ‘spreading or straggly’.

Introduced to Britain in the mid-1700s white wood aster became popular there during the Regency period (1810-1820). It then sank into obscurity until the turn of that Century when some of the famous gardeners of the time, including Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) the London-born horticulturalist and garden designer, drew it temporarily into fashionable prominence.