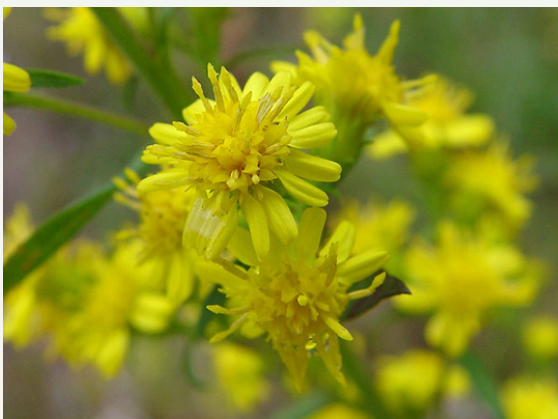




Eagle Hill Natural History Science Fall Workshops on the Coast of Maine, just east of Acadia National Park

ASTERACEAE: FALL BOTANIZING AND BOTANICAL SURVEYS September 6 – 8, 2019

The aster family has the reputation for being difficult to identify. Within the last several years, even familiar species have had taxonomic revisions, and the genus *Aster* has all but disappeared, rendering many observers dazed and confused. We will try to puzzle through some of the problematic aspects encountered during the study of this group of plants. This weekend workshop will begin with background on the asters and goldenrods found in eastern Maine and the specialized terminology used in their study. We'll also consider other members of the Asteraceae that we might expect to find in flower or fruit. Participants will become acquainted the use of keys to identify specimens, then test their skills by identifying specialized structures and keying pressed specimens. We'll also plan to find asters and goldenrods in the field and study them.



About the instructor

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