

Considered But Rejected: *Symphyotrichum spathulatum* var. *yosemitanum* (syn. *Aster occidentalis* var. *yosemitanum*)

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Background

Postponed from 6th Ed., possibly due to mixed feelings about its rarity (one comment from Fred Hrusa suggested that the differing opinions on the commonness of this plant is probably due to incomplete differentiation from var. *occidentalis*). With CCH and Calflora, the verdict appears to be out; although there's a paucity of collections, it is widespread throughout Sierra Nevada, Cascade, and Klamath ranges. Also, at the time of this writing, there are 1,276 records of *Symphyotrichum spathulatum* (*Aster occidentalis*) that are not annotated to variety; further indicating that this taxon is too common for inclusion at this time.

Inventory Record

Symphyotrichum spathulatum var. *yosemitanum*
CBR: Too common.