

# Initial Georgia Aster Expansion Project

## FY2007 Accomplishments

The purpose of this project was to begin expanding an existing population of Georgia asters and to develop a native seed source for use in future projects. The stand adjacent to the existing asters will be treated with a heavy timber thinning to create new aster habitat. The stand has been laid out, cleared archeologically and biologically, and cut-trees marked for sale. Advertisement and sale is scheduled for FY 08, which will complete the on-the-ground targets of this project.

This initial project helped facilitate a larger Georgia Aster project involving multiple upland longleaf stands. The goal of the larger project, currently underway, is to expand habitat.



Longleaf pine stand that will be thinned to a lower basal area to provide aster habitat.



Georgia aster (*Aster georgianus*) in early successional habitat.

Year Awarded: 2006

Project completion: 2008

Report number: 3 of 3

Expenditures:

- 2005 funding: 8500
- Expended 07: \$6600
- Remaining: \$0

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Alabama Power (Southern Company), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy

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