

## Nahanni Aster (*Symphyotrichum nahanniense*)

**Description:** The Nahanni Aster is a perennial wildflower. It grows up to 35 cm tall with white to pale pink flower heads. It typically grows in clumps of 2 to 10 stems. Plants may have up to 15 flower heads. The stems are green to reddish, fine wooly hairs may be observed towards the base of the stem. Flower heads consist of a yellow disc, surrounded by approximately 15-40 white to pale pink rays.

**Typical Habitat:** The Nahanni Aster grows in Sphagnum moss mounds or loose tufa sand and gravel in moist areas near to or below hot springs.

**Type Photos:**

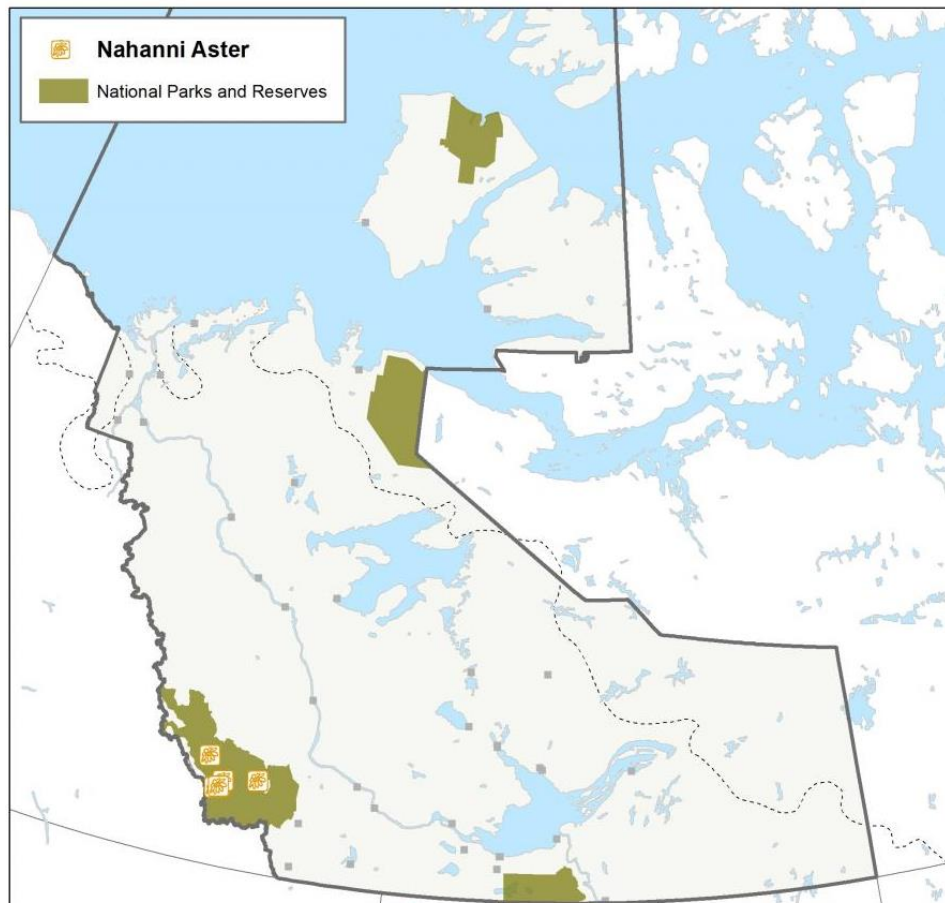


**Photo 1:** Nahanni Aster flowers- note the central yellow disc surrounded by white to pale pink rays.



**Photo 2: Nahanni Aster plant- Note the multiple stems from a single plant and multiple flower heads per stem. Shown in typical location on Sphagnum Moss.**

**Current Range:** The Nahanni Aster is only known from Hot springs within Nahanni National Park.



**Figure 1: Known locations of the Nahanni Aster**