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Cirsium muticum

Swamp Thistle



Flowers are large, and a deep rosy-purple. Not very spiny, for a thistle. Flowers loved by bees and butterflies, seedheads are attractive to finches.

Suggested companions: meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*), blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*) -- very striking with cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*) as a backdrop.

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 2'-7' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist

Flower Color:
Purple

Bloom Time:
July
August
September

Other Attributes:
Butterfly attracting
Bird attracting
Deer resistant

Habitat:

Wet Meadow
Swamp/ Bog
Shrubby Wetland
Forested Wetland
Streamside

Exposure: sun

Plant in:

Groundcover: No