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# Eupatorium perfoliatum

## Common Boneset



A handsome, sturdy plant with broad, flat-topped clusters of white flowers in mid-summer to early fall. Foliage sometimes turns a stunning, deep wine-red in the fall, contrasting beautifully with the flowers. Prefers moist soil, but will also grow in ordinary garden loam as long as it doesn't get too dry.

**Suggested companions:** Joe Pye weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*), swamp thistle (*Cirsium muticum*). Lovely against an evergreen backdrop of arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 1.5-5' H  
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Wet Meadow  
Shrubby Wetland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Very Damp/Wet  
Rich Moist

Exposure: sun  
filtered

Flower Color:

White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

July  
August  
September

Other Attributes:

Butterfly attracting  
Deer resistant  
Fall color