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Monarda fistulosa

Wild Bergamot



Beautiful lavender flowers all summer; seedheads attractive all winter. Makes nice tea. Wild bergamot will spread, but it's not as aggressive as its cousin, bee-balm (*Monarda didyma*). It's also less prone to powdery mildew. Prefers dryish soil, and full sun. This plant is sometimes called bee-balm as well.

Suggested companions: early goldenrod (*Solidago juncea*), prairie coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*), Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 2'-4' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie
Woodland Margin
Shrubby Wetland
Wet Meadow

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Clay
Sandy/ Gravelly
Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color:

Purple
Pink

Bloom Time:

July
August

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Fragrant
Butterfly attracting
Wildlife attracting
Bird attracting
Deer resistant