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 W

**Soil:** Average Garden Soil Clay Sandy/ Gravelly Very Damp/Wet

**Water Tolerant:** Somewhat

**Exposure:** sun filtered

**Flower Color:**
- Purple
- Pink

**Bloom Time:**
- July
- August

**Plant in:**

**Groundcover:** No

**Habitat:**
- Open field/ Prairie
- Woodland Margin
- Shrubby Wetland
- Wet Meadow

**Other Attributes:**
- Fragrant
- Butterfly attracting
- Wildlife attracting
- Bird attracting
- Deer resistant