

PERENNIAL

↑ **Height** 24-42"
↔ **Width** 12-18"

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DRY MED WET



Photo:
Sugar Creek Gardens

Monarda fistulosa

Wild Bergamot,
Bee Balm



Family: Lamiaceae/Mint

Garden Companions

- Monarda punctata
- Allium cernuum
- Symphyotrichum novae-angliae
- Baptisia australis

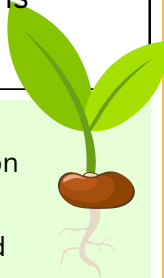
Notes

- Native to MA and New England
- Growth habit: spreading/suckering
- Low-maintenance
- Attracts beneficial insect
- To prevent and control powdery mildew that is common in this plant, plant in full sun, provide good air circulation by spacing plants and dividing clumps, water at the base to keep foliage dry
- The powdery mildew does not hurt the plant - plant shorter perennials in front to hide mildewy leaves and only show off the blooms
- Supports native butterflies and bees at risk including Bombus Fervidus and Bombus Vagans

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| NOT Native to Cape Cod | Blooms July to September | Supports Specialist Bees |
| Caterpillar/Moth Host Plant | Provides Nest Site/ Nest Materials | Hummingbird Favorite |
| Provides Bird Seeds/Fruit | Container Friendly | Preferred by imperiled native bees and butterflies |
| Rabbit Resistant | Deer Resistant | Recommended by Xerces Society |

Propagation Information

- Seeds germinate in a warm location without pre-treatment
- Bloom year: maybe 1st, likely 2nd
- It self seeds at a medium pace and spreads by rhizomes fast
- Propagate by cuttings during the growing season
- Propagate through division in spring or fall



Summer Bloomer

DRAWN FROM SEED