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## Wild Bergamot

*Monarda fistulosa*

### Growing Information

- Sunlight: Full sun to part shade
- Soils: A wide range from moist to dry, organically rich, well-drained sand, loam, clay.
- Bloom Time: Lavender flowers bloom in July, August, September
- Size: 1-3ft in height; 3ft spread

Easy to grow in a perennial border, wildflower garden or meadow. A great naturalizing wildflower and a magnet for butterflies and hummingbirds. Leave the seed heads.

### Garden Companions

Spotted Bee Balm (*Monarda punctata*), Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*), New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*), Blue Wild Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)

### Nature Benefits

- Attracts long-tongued bees, bee flies, butterflies, skippers, and hummingbird moths
- Birds eat the seeds
- Host plant for the Raspberry Pyrausta Moth

### Natural Habitat

Occurs in dry open woods, fields, wet meadows and ditches, edges of woods and marshes