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## Wild Quinine

*Parthenium integrifolium*

### Growing Information

- Sunlight: Full sun to partial shade
- Soils: wide range of soil types
- Bloom Time: Summer- June, July, August – dense clusters of pure white flowers
- Size: 3-5ft

Makes a great cut flower. Foliage is aromatic. Native Americans used wild quinine for medicinal and veterinary purposes. The leaves contain tannin, which is thought to be beneficial for treating burns.

### Garden Companions

Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*); Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)

### Nature Benefits

- Attracts pollinators.

### Native Habitat

In Massachusetts occurs naturally in central part of the state, found in dry fields, open wooded areas, rocky woods, and hillsides.