



Purple Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Perennial
- Sunlight: Sun, part shade
- Soils: Average, well-drained
- Bloom Time: Purple in July, August
- Size: 2-3 feet in height; 18-24 inch spread

Plant this easy-to-grow, drought tolerant wildflower in the perennial border or in masses. Native range includes New York and Pennsylvania and parts west. It is not a New England native, but it is a popular garden plant that does well on Cape Cod.

Garden Companions

Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), Dense Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*), Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*)

Nature Benefits

- Nectar plant for native bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, and wasps.
- Goldfinches eat seeds in the fall.

Natural Habitat

Occurs in disturbed habitats, forest edges, and meadows.