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WILD BERGAMOT

Monarda fistulosa

This amazing plant attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and a host of beneficial insects with its beautiful lavender, two-lipped, tubular flowers atop wonderfully fragrant stems and leaves.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Hummingbird and butterfly magnet! Attracts a wide variety of beneficial insects.
- Food plant for some specialized bees, including the *Monarda Dufourea* and Gerhard's *Perdita*

Host to 10 caterpillar species:

Pink-Patched Looper Moth; Orange Mint Moth; Hermit Sphinx; Rustic Quaker; Sparganothis Fruitworm Moth; Wide-Striped Leaf Roller; Stalk Borer

Benefits for People

- Recommended to divide plant clumps every three years, as this plant thrives with adequate air circulation and spacing
- Deadhead flowers to extend blooming and/or to prevent self-seeding
- The leaves of this plant may be used for tea
- Some Native Americans used the leaves to season meat

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun to partial shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Dry to medium wet soil, but must be well-drained
<i>Height</i>	2-4'
<i>Width</i>	3-4'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	July to September

Natural Habitat

- Dry, rocky woods

