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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.

## Growing Information

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

## Benefits for Wildlife

<b>Leaves</b>	Larval host plant for 10 species of butterflies and moths
<b>Flowers</b>	Hummingbird and butterfly magnet! Attracts a wide variety of beneficial insects.
<b>Fruit</b>	No
<b>Seeds</b>	No

### Host to 10 caterpillar species:

(common names) Pink-Patched Looper Moth; *Pyrausta generosa*; Orange Mint Moth; Hermit Sphinx; *Chionodes fondella*; Rustic Quaker; *Sparganothis Fruitworm Moth*; *Xenotemna pallorana*; 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

## Natural Habitat

- Dry, rocky woods

