



Top Photo: Illinois Wildflowers

Bottom Photo: Missouri Botanical Gardens

Wild Bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

Light:	Full Sun, Partial Sun
Soil:	Sand, Loam, Clay
Moisture:	Dry, Medium, Moist
Benefits:	Pollinators, Butterflies, Birds, Hummingbirds, Host Plant, Deer Resistant
Height:	2'-5'
Blooms:	Jul, Aug, Sep
Zones:	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Color:	Lavender
Spacing:	2'
Root:	Rhizome

Wild Bergamot's large and beautiful flowers are distinguished from other *Monarda* species by their colors of solid pink and lavender. The plant, a member of the mint family that typically grows two to four feet tall, is best grown in full or partial sun. The long bloom period provides a continuing source of food for many pollinators.

Although not as susceptible to powdery mildew as other *Monarda* species, good air circulation helps to provide resistance. Dividing large plants every two to three years keeps them healthy and curbs a tendency to spread.