Top Photo: Plants for Pollinators

Bottom Photo: Peter M. Dziuk, Minnesota Wildflowers

Spotted Bee Balm

Monarda punctata

Light: Full Sun

Soil: Sandy

Moisture: Medium-Dry, Dry

Benefits: Pollinators, Deer and Rabbit Resistant

Height: 2'

Blooms: Jul, Aug, Sep

Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Color: White, Pink, Purple

Spacing: 8" to 12"

Root: Fibrous

Spotted Bee Balm, a pollinator magnet, has been designated as a plant that is of special value to native bees according to the Pollinator Program of The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. Preferring drier conditions, Spotted Bee Balm is more drought tolerant than other monardas and readily self-seeds on open, sandy soils.

Spotted Bee Balm, also known as Dotted Horsemint, is aromatic and avoided by deer and rabbits. The plant is attractive when paired with butterfly weed and lead plant.