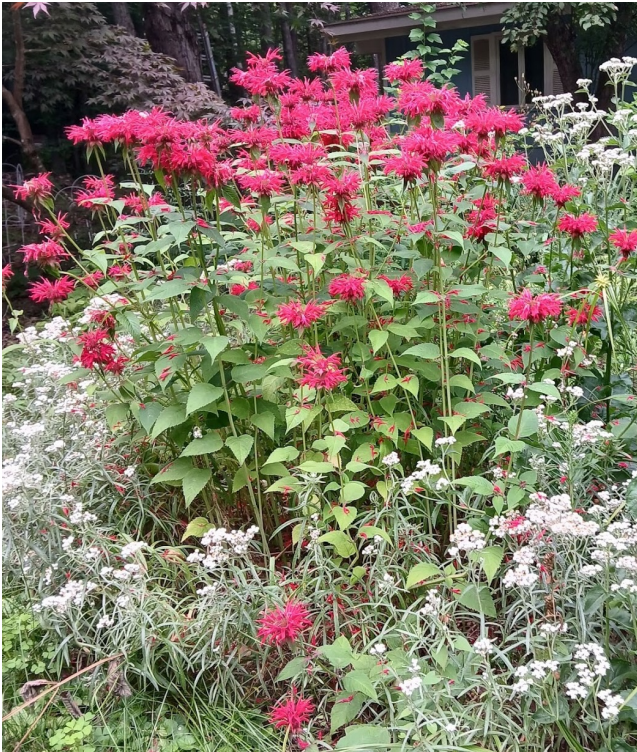




Scarlet Bee Balm

Monarda didyma

Light:	Full, Partial Sun
Soil:	Clay, Loam, Sand
Moisture:	Medium, Moist
Benefits:	Pollinators, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Deer Resistant
Height:	3' to 5'
Blooms:	June-August
Zones:	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Color:	Red
Spacing:	18"
Root:	Rhizome

Plenty of insects love Scarlet Bee balm, but it is justifiably famous for its ability to lure hummers. No hummingbird garden is complete without this lady in red. That said, it prefers richer soil and does not thrive in dry sand, so if you have hot, dry conditions, consider its lavender sibling, Wild Bergamot.

Scarlet Bee Balm has a super long bloom time and sometimes gets a little leggy. Plant some pearly everlasting or something similar in front to serve as a modesty skirt.

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