

Monarda fistulosa

Wild Bergamot

Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Mesic prairie species. Minimal inundation tolerance.

Wildlife Value

Palatable in early growth by grazing species. Attracts butterflies and honeybees.

Application/Zone

Used for upland slope buffer stabilization. Slows water run off and reduces soil erosion.

Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- No pretreatment is needed for seed.
- Establishes readily from seed. Seed germinates best with light at warmer temperatures and should be stored dry.
- For divisions, divide mature clumps in March before stems are sent up. Dig up the plant and divide clump into sections. Replant divisions immediately.
- Can also be established from cuttings.

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Mature Height

Up to 3 feet

Plant Type

Perennial herb

Indicator Status

Facultative Upland

pH

Not available

Nutrient Load Tolerance

Moderate

Salt Tolerance

Not available

Siltation Tolerance

Low to moderate

Flowering Color and Time

Pink, lavender, purple, and rarely white
August to October

Light Preference

Partial to full sun

Seeding Rate

.125- 1 lb/acre

