

Eupatorium perfoliatum

Common Boneset

Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Prefers moist soil. Tolerates inundation to a depth of 6 inches early in the season, as found in wet meadows, marsh edges, fens, and prairie swales.

Wildlife Value

Achenes are eaten by waterfowl, turkey, and swamp sparrow. Mallards and grouse eat leaves. Attracts butterflies. Also provides cover for small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

Application/Zone

Used in upper shoreline zones and in vegetated swales. Fibrous root system binds soil and resists erosion. Provides good ground cover.

Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- Seed is best. Sow fine seed on soil surface in the fall or spring. No germination treatment is necessary.
- Can also be propagated by division of rootstock in the fall or spring.

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Mature Height

2-3 feet

Plant Type

Perennial herb

Indicator Status

Facultative Wet (+)

pH

Not available

Nutrient Load Tolerance

Low to moderate

Salt Tolerance

Not available

Siltation Tolerance

Low to moderate

Flowering Color and Time

White

August to October

Light Preference

Full sun

Seeding Rate

.125 lbs/acre

