

Monarda – Bee Balm, Bergamot

Beautiful red, pink, white or purple flowers bloom in June and July. Attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Mildew and deer resistant, plus the leaves smell great! The flower scent is similar to that of the bergamot orange, which is used to flavor Earl Grey tea.

Growing Requirements

Monardas like sun or very light shade and thrive on most soils, except very dry or clay. Keep them well watered over summer. Seed heads continue into winter.

Planting

Plant behind shorter flowers to hide lower part of stems. Height ranges from 2' to 4' depending upon variety.

Care

Deadhead (remove spent flowers) to encourage a second round of blooming. Bees love this plant so be careful!

Pests/Diseases

Monardas can develop mildew if stressed by dry weather or insufficient watering. Treat with fungicides and remove diseased foliage to contain the spread.

Dividing /Propagating

Monardas spread relatively easily, gradually moving from the original planting site. After a number of years they should be dug up and divided.

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