



Name: Bee Balm, Scarlet Bee Balm *Monarda didyma*

Phonetic Spelling: mo-NAR-da DID-ee-mah

Description: Bee balm is an herbaceous perennial in the Lamiaceae (mint) family. Individual scarlet-red tubular flowers appear in a 3- to 4-inch cluster atop a square stem. Opposite, ovate-shaped leaves have serrated margins. Leaves are dark green above and have a minty aroma.

Height: 36 to 60 inches

Bloom Color: Red, pink

Bloom Season: June to July

Sun: Sun/partial shade

Soil: Acidic (pH<6.8) rich, moist

Pollinators: Blossoms attract bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies.

Pests: Susceptible to powdery mildew and rust. Avoid overwatering.

Cultivation & Management: Propagate by seed, cuttings, division or separation. Deadhead to prolong flowering. Divide every 2 to 3 years as clumps die out in the center.

Sources: <https://extension.psu.edu/rain-garden-plants-bee-balm>

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/monarda-didyma/>

<http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening/scene13fe.html>