



2024 Native Perennial of the Year



Monarda punctata Spotted beebalm

This unusual, fragrant beauty, beloved by hummingbirds, has multiple whorls of tubular yellow flowers spotted purple from June to July. Attractive showy bracts are pinkish-purple and green on erect stems. Self-sows in sunny, well-drained sites. Nectar source for butterflies; of special value to bees.

- Hardiness:** Zones 3–8
Light: Sun
Soil: Average to dry
Size: 12–18” tall
Foliage: Fragrant green leaves
Flowers: Whorls of tubular yellow flowers with purple spots
Fruit: Brown nutlets
Bloom Time: June to July
Wildlife Value: The flowers attract pollinators, including bumblebees, butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds. Deer resistant.



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