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Gardenview Scarlet Bee Balm Monarda 'Gardenview Scarlet'

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: O O

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Bergamot, Oswego Tea

## **Description:**

This variety presents a striking display of bright scarlet flowers on strong stems, over lush green foliage that has an excellent resistance to powdery mildew; great for massing along borders

### **Ornamental Features**

Gardenview Scarlet Bee Balm has masses of beautiful clusters of fragrant scarlet pincushion flowers with dark red eyes at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Gardenview Scarlet Bee Balm is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading
- Self-Seeding

Gardenview Scarlet Bee Balm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Gardenview Scarlet Bee Balm flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



# **Planting & Growing**

Gardenview Scarlet Bee Balm will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.