



Raspberry Wine Bee Balm

Monarda 'Raspberry Wine'

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Bergamot, Oswego Tea

Ornamental Features

Raspberry Wine Bee Balm has masses of beautiful clusters of fragrant crimson flowers at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant pointy leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Raspberry Wine Bee Balm is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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

Raspberry Wine Bee Balm is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Raspberry Wine Bee Balm flowers
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Raspberry Wine Bee Balm in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Raspberry Wine Bee Balm will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 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.



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