

Monarda punctata Spotted Horsemint



Summer Flower



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Characteristics: An aromatic, erect perennial ranging from only 6 in. to almost 3 ft. tall with yellow and pink flowers spotted with purple. Vascular plant without significant woody tissue above or at the ground.

Appearance:

Height – From 1 to 3 ft.

Aerial Spread - up to 1 ft.

Flower Color - yellow and pink with purple spots

Flowering Period - June through July

Habitat (Community): Common in old fields or dry-sites.

Hydrology:

Dry to medium moisture, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Tolerates somewhat poor soils and some drought.

Wildlife Benefits: Birds are attracted to the nectar, such as hummingbirds. Also attracts butterflies. Special Value to Native Bees and is recognized by pollination ecologists as attracting large numbers of native bees. Supports conservation biological control because the plant that attracts predatory or parasitoid insects, that prey upon pest insects.

Distribution: Vermont to southeastern Minnesota, south to Florida and Texas, excluding most of Ohio.