Scarlet Beebalm
*Monarda didyma L.*

**Family:** Lamiaceae  
**Habitat:** Stream banks and wet meadows  
**Color:** Red  
**Height:** 2-4 ft  
**Exposure:** Sun to light shade  
**Bloom Dates:** July-Aug  
**Soil Moisture:** Moist  
**Soil Quality:** Rich  
**Garden Uses:** Naturalizing, moist areas, stream banks, ponds. Mass for vibrant color.  
**Notes:** Flower is red and showy. Leaves are fragrant - used as tea. Easily succumbs to powdery mildew in a humid climate. A premier butterfly nectar food (especially Fritillaries) and hummingbird food.  

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