

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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