

Wild Bergamot

(*Monarda fistulosa*)

Distinct clusters of small flowers and serrated leaves.

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Planting:

Plant outside in the garden during the fall (Stratify in cold (40°F) moist soil).

Plant in a partly shaded area with sun. Soil should be moist to dry.

Plant on the surface of loosened soil and press down gently. A thin layer of coarse sand can be used over top of the seeds. The sand will help hold moisture around the seeds, but it's not required.

Don't plant too densely, they tend to have high germination rates.

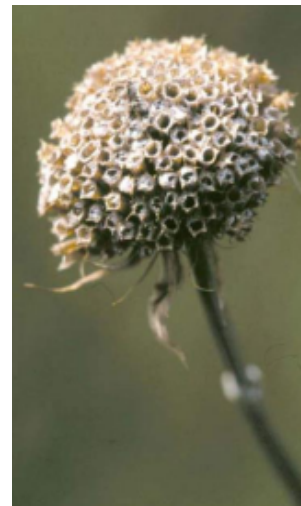
We recommend using these seeds to start a Pollinator Pathway garden. Plant in the fall, refrain from active weeding, and let the seeds sprout, root, establish, mature, and bloom naturally.

Harvest:

Collect middle of September to November (lesser number of seeds later in the year).

Seeds are mature when the seed heads are dry and the small dark seeds can fall out.

Cut off the seeds heads that are dry and rub or twist the seed heads to extract the seeds.



Seeds graciously donated from The Greenwich Land Trust Meadow

Remember: "Sleep Creep Leap". Perennials are slow to start but will eventually grow into a garden.