

Monarda didyma
Scarlet beebalm/Oswego tea



Summer Plant



Summer Flower¹

Characteristics: Perennial herb, aromatic

Appearance:

Height – 3 to 5 ft.

Spread – 2 to 3 ft.

Flower Color – Scarlet, Red

Flowering Period – July through August

Habitat (Community): Moist open woods, thickets, road edges, and stream banks.

Hydrology:

Indicator Status – Facultative Upland

Non-Tidal Regime – Needs humus rich, moist to wet soil. Prefers full sun, but afternoon shade may result in longer flowering times.

Wildlife Benefits: Nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies.

Distribution: Native to eastern North America and Canada.²

¹ http://plants.usda.gov/java/largeImage?imageID=modi_002_avp.tif

² https://plants.usda.gov/plantguide/pdf/pg_modi.pdf