

Spotted Beebalm

Mint Family

Other Common Names: dotted beebalm, horse mint, dotted horse mint

Scientific Name: *Monarda punctata* L.

Plant Symbol: MOPU

Family: Lamiaceae

Duration: Perennial; Biennial; Annual

Growth Habit: Herbaceous

Plant Height: 1 - 2 ft.

Blooms/Fruits: June - September

Distinguishing characteristics: The inflorescences are in a series of ball-like clusters of flowers terminating the stems; flowers two-lipped with a hood (top) and lip (bottom), cream-colored to pale yellow or pinkish with prominent purplish-brown to maroon spots; leaves are lance shaped and moderately hairy on both the top and bottom surfaces; the stems are square like most mints.

Pollinator Value: Hummingbirds may be attracted by the nectar. Also popular with butterflies and long-tongued bees.

Habitat: Sand prairies, crop field margins, open disturbed sites, and along roadsides.

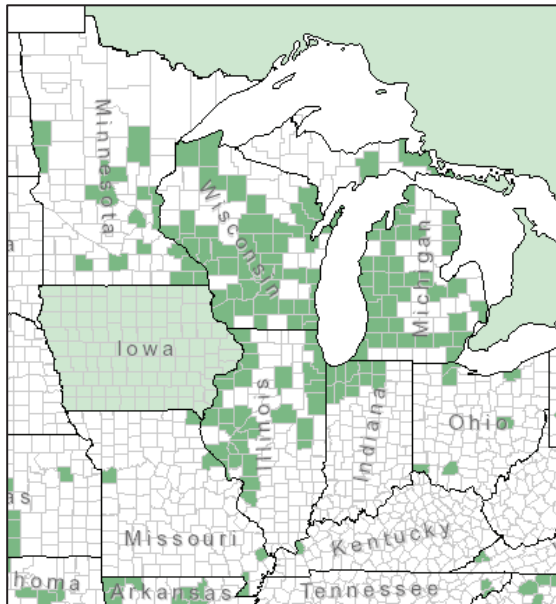


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Important Plants of the Monarch Butterfly



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Full flowering/close-up of blooms



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Stem and leaf arrangement/ close-up of leaf