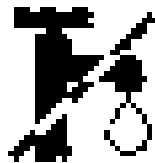


Pardon My Pink Bee Balm



Monarda didyma 'Pardon My Pink'

- **Use:** No room for the tall, bushy, traditional Bee Balm in your garden? Now there's a petite selection that's easy to tuck into the front of your sunny border and combination containers. Reaching just a foot tall at maturity, this compact selection forms a bushy, well-branched clump of deep green, glossy foliage.
- **Exposure/Soil:** They prefer warm sun or part shade if warm spot in the garden. When they are growing, they do not like to dry out. When they are dormant, they like to be dry. They can be grown great in containers as well. Containers should be left dry in the garage or under an eave for the winter. They can handle cold temperatures if they are dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 10-14" tall by 10-12" wide
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. This selection also offers good resistance to powdery mildew, a problem with many older Bee Balms. Just provide good air circulation, sunshine, and plenty of water and these plants will thrive!
- **Flower:** From mid through late summer, cheerful true medium pink flowers sit just at the top of the foliage. Though the plant may be dwarf, the flowers are the same size as taller selections, measuring a full 2½-3" across. They add a bright splash of color to the border in high summer.



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Monarda is native to eastern North America, so it is easy to grow and it multiplies quickly. The flowers' sweet nectar attracts scores of hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees to the garden. The aromatic foliage smells like mint when crushed and is often used to flavor teas.

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