

# Gardenview Scarlet Bee Balm/Wild Bergamot



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**We love to use them as cut flowers! The best red bee balm available currently per Mt Cuba Center Trials.**



## ***Monarda didyma* 'Gardenview Scarlet'**

- **Use:** The only true red-flowering cultivar to rate among the top performers with mildew tolerance and blooming power at the Mt Cuba Center Trials. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds can't resist their sweet nectar and fragrance. Attract much needed pollinators and feed your soul with these beautiful, contained, carefree bee balms.
- **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, but when they are dormant, they like to be dry. They can be grown great in containers as well, but 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 2-3' tall and 2-3' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-9; Perennial Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The toothed, aromatic, oblong, grayish-green leaves (to 4") may be used in teas and has a minty scent. It is reputed to have some resistance to powdery mildew.
- **Flower:** Rose-red flowers looming from June to August, this long-flowering Monarda is beautiful, especially when massed in drifts to attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

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