

# Ritchie

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### Blue Stocking Beebalm

*Monarda didyma 'Blue Stocking'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 26 inches

Spacing: 22 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Bergamot, Oswego Tea

#### Description:

This stunning variety grows up to four feet, producing deep violet flowers in mid summer on tall, strong stems; mildew resistant as well; great for massing along borders

#### Ornamental Features

Blue Stocking Beebalm has masses of beautiful clusters of fragrant violet flowers at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant pointy leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Blue Stocking Beebalm is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading
- Self-Seeding

Blue Stocking Beebalm is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Blue Stocking Beebalm flowers*  
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
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### **Planting & Growing**

Blue Stocking Beebalm will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 26 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 22 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

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