

**FAMILY**

Lamiaceae/Labiatae

GENUS

Monarda

CULTIVAR

'Bergamo'

COMMON NAMES

bergamont, bee balm

FLOWER COLOR

rose, pink-purple

PLANT TYPE

annual, tender perennial

HABIT

upright

PROPAGATION

seeds (need light for germination)

USE

culinary, aromatic, medicinal, landscaping

HEIGHT/WIDTH

up to 30"/15"

LIGHT

full sun, part shade

SOIL

well drained, rich loam

WATER

normal

2010 Promising Plant *Monarda* 'Bergamo'

Promising Qualities

- ◆ Mildew resistant
- ◆ Long lasting blooms with a striking color
- ◆ Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
- ◆ Deer resistance
- ◆ Lemon scent
- ◆ 2008 Fleuroselect Gold Medal Winner

Monarda 'Bergamo' seed was developed in Holland and has received much acclaim after receiving the Fleuroselect 2008 award for an outstanding flowering seed variety. Mildew problems typically plague *Monarda* varieties making them difficult for gardeners to fully enjoy their beauty. 'Bergamo' promises to make mildew a thing of the past even in the most humid conditions. Eight to ten weeks after the seeds are planted, standout pink to purple-colored blooms appear in tiers along the spikes that are wonderful for cut flower arrangements. An increased bloom time ensures that the flowers can be enjoyed well into the summer. The light green foliage makes a nice contrast in mixed borders. Butterflies and pollinating bees flock to this herb by the dozens, adding to its appeal. This easy-to-maintain annual is a must-have for your herb garden this year!

Where can I find this plant?

- ◆ Park Seed Co. - www.parkseed.com
- ◆ Burpee - www.burpee.com
- ◆ Renee's Garden - www.reneesgarden.com

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