

horsemint *Monarda punctata*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Lamiales

Family: Lamiaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

FEATURES

Horsemint may be a perennial, biennial or annual plant. Its four-sided stem is hairy. Its leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. These simple, toothed leaves are lance-shaped. The yellow flowers have purple spots. Flowers are clustered in the upper leaf axils. The bracts at the base of the flower are white or purple. The fruit is a nut. Horsemint may attain a height of one to three feet.

BEHAVIORS

Horsemint may be found in the northern one-half of Illinois. It grows in sand prairies, hill prairies and on dunes. Flowers are produced from June through October.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

hill prairie; sand prairie

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