

wild bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Lamiales
Family: Lamiaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Wild bergamot is a perennial herb that has leaves arranged opposite each other on the square stem. These lance-shaped leaves are toothed. Tube-shaped flowers develop in clusters at the stem tip. Flowers are pink to light lilac and two-lipped. The fruit is a nut. Wild bergamot may attain a height of two to four feet.

BEHAVIORS

Wild bergamot may be found statewide in Illinois. It grows in dry woods, fields, dry prairies and along roads. Flowers are produced from May through August. Bees are attracted to the flowers.



plants with flowers

ILLINOIS RANGE



Permanent



plants with flowers

Aquatic Habitats

wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

black soil prairie; edge; hill prairie