Monarda fistulosa • wild bergamot

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PLANT CHARACTERISTICS: light purple blooms. H= 2-4’  Spread 2-3’

DESIRED SITE LOCATION & SPACING:
- full sun to part shade
- dry to medium soil
- drought tolerance = medium
- 10” between plants and rows
  (recommended spacing (18-24”)

ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS:
- Wildlife: birds, butterflies and hummingbirds, special value to bumble bees
- Conspicuous Flowers: yes
- Attracts: butterflies and moths
- Nectar Source: yes
**Seed Collection:**
- September
- Harvest only top portion of stem with seed heads, leaving the remaining stem for overwintering insects
- Compact seed heads contain many seeds
- Hang seed heads upside down over a bin lined with paper to catch falling seed
- Once dry, rub lightly and shake seeds out

**Seed Stratification:**
Cool and moist, 30 – 60 days

**Seed-Sow to Finished Plug:**
February to mid-May (14 weeks)

**Outplanting:**
Late May - June

**Flowering Period:**
July - August

**Sowing & Seed Depth:**
- Sow 3 seeds per cell; cover with media equal to thickness of the seed

**Pests & Disease:**
Monitor for powdery mildew