



***Monarda punctata***  
**Spotted beebalm**  
**or Dotted horsemint**

A valuable ecological species, *Monarda punctata* is the equivalent of a juice bar at the gym for nectar loving/needing insects! As a bonus, it also resists all other kinds of mites that could impact the bees because it is incredibly high in thymol.

Full sun to part shade, dry to average well-drained soil

Height: 24-30 inches    Spread: 12 inches

Bloom Time: Summer to early fall

Bloom Color: Pink

We like the genus *Monarda* for so many of its wonderful properties including fragrance, ease of growing, willingness to naturalize an area reliably and all of the wonderful things that it can do for beneficial insects and pollinators. It produces an aromatic stand that ranges in heights from 6" to just shy of 3' tall. In bud, it forms saffron-colored rosettes in whorls along the top half of the stem. When the whorls release, watercolor-painted petals with little freckles are exposed and later mature to a soft pinkish-dawn color. These painted petals hold at the end of the flower spike for weeks upon weeks as they peek out through what appears to be leaf bracts.