



Common name: Anise hyssop; Great blue hyssop

Latin name: *Agastache foeniculum*

Bloom time: June to frost

Bloom color: Purple

Height: 3'

Spacing: 12-16"

Description: Anise Hyssop has flower spikes that burst with a myriad of tiny blooms that span the purple spectrum: from soft lavender to rich violet. The blossoms pop open in intervals, providing a long nectar season for bumblebees, hummingbirds, and butterflies; this plant is abuzz with pollinators all summer long! Sturdy and upright, the square stem supports fragrant foliage, which smells like anise or licorice. The undersides of the leaves are white or light grey and flash and wink whenever the wind blows. Makes a fantastic addition in sensory gardens. This plant is easy to grow and often blooms in its first year. It self-sows readily; the new seedlings are quite hardy and can be transplanted easily. Once established, Anise Hyssop is drought tolerant. It is also deer resistant; most mammals dislike the strong scent of the leaves.



Common name: Clustered Mountain mint

Latin name: *Pycnanthemum muticum*

Bloom time: June to fall

Bloom color: Pinkish green

Height: 3'

Spacing: 18-24"

Description: Clustered Mountain Mint is a clump forming, aromatic perennial that naturally occurs in most of the Eastern half of the United States. Given the right conditions, this plant will spread by rhizomes; if spreading is not desired you can prune the roots in the spring. This mountain mint sports leaves that are more ovate than

others of the *Pycnanthemum* genus, but they possess the same minty aroma. From mid to late summer the foliage is adorned by clusters of small pink flowers. Despite the name, Clustered Mountain Mint and similar species in the genus do not grow in the mountains. Also called Blunt Mountain Mint or Short Toothed Mountain Mint.

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Common name: Scarlet bee balm
Latin name: Monarda didyma
Bloom time: June to Fall
Bloom color: Red
Height: 3-5'
Spacing: 18"

Description: Hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees are attracted to the blossoms. Juglone tolerant. This popular garden perennial holds a special place in the midsummer color scheme with its bright scarlet

flowers. As the name suggests it is favored by pollinators, and is highly attractive to hummingbirds as well. Native to the Appalachian Mountains, Monarda Didyma grows well in zones 4-7, and does best in a rich soil with plenty of organic matter to help provide moisture during the heat of summer.



Common name: Butterfly milkweed
Latin name: Asclepias tuberosa
Bloom time: June to August
Bloom color: Orange
Height: 1-2'
Spacing: 12"

Description: Asclepias tuberosa, Butterfly Weed, is most often a distinctive bright orange but there is some variation in flower color, from deep red-orange to yellow. This distinctive color and the absence of the typical milky white sap that other Milkweed species have make identification easy. This is a great Milkweed for a sunny location in a dry area. Mature plants in ideal locations can make as many as 20 stems at an average height of 2'. The vivid orange color,

low mounded profile, and ability to attract and sustain butterflies make this plant a well-known favorite for all types of gardens. Butterfly Weed needs a drier, well-drained location to successfully seed into and grow well. In older plants the long tap root can extend down many feet. Due to this deep, drought-tolerant tap root, it can be late to emerge in the spring, especially in northern climates, so be patient. Butterfly Weed can be transplanted if dug carefully during dormancy but if the tap root breaks off they will regrow. The leaves are somewhat narrow, up to 1" and tapered, with no stem and dark green in color.

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Common name: Whorled coreopsis, Threadleaf Coreopsis

Latin name: *Coreopsis verticillata*

Bloom time: June to August

Bloom color: Yellow

Height: 18"

Spacing: 12"

Description: *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam' wins accolades from gardeners not only because it is easy to grow but because the interesting, needle-like foliage is covered in pale yellow flowers for much of the summer. It forms an open mound 18" in height and spreads by rhizomes to about 24" wide. It is adaptable to many soil types, with the only

requirement being that the site is well drained. *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Moonbeam' grows well in full sun or light shade, is pest free, and butterflies love it. Pruning after flowering will encourage further blooming. The primrose-yellow, daisy-like flowers look fabulous with a variety of plants.

