

Cultural Information- Monarda
 (mo-NAR-da)

<u>Light:</u>	Full to partial sun, a southern, eastern or western exposure.
<u>Temperature:</u>	Winter hardiness to zone 5 for most cultivars. M punctata zone 6.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Not an issue in temperate climates
<u>Watering:</u>	Needs regular watering when grown in pots. In the garden once establish can manage on its own.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	Moderate to low levels of fertilizer. Be careful not to over feed and make the growth too lush.
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little pruning need except to contain running stems or cut back dead over wintered stems.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	Many varieties are susceptible to mildew. M. punctata is free of that problem.
<u>Comments:</u>	Monarda or Beebalm are free flower garden perennials that, once planted, seem to take care of themselves. They do spread so annual removal of running shoots is necessary if containment is the objective. M punctata is the least hardy of the group yet in many ways the showiest as it flowers continuously and profusely until the first hard freeze.