Parodn My Purple Bee Balm







We love to use them as cut flowers!



Monarda 'Parson My Purple'

- <u>Use</u>: Tuck this early blooming bee balm into the front of your flower border to create a colorful swath of bright purple flowers and more compact than other bee balm on the market. Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds can't resist their sweet nectar and fragrance. Attract much needed pollinators and feed your soul with these beautiful, contained, carefree bee balms.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: They prefer warm sun or part shade if warm spot in the garden. When they are growing, they do not like to dry out. When they are dormant, they like to be dry. They can be grown great in containers as well. Containers should be left dry in the garage or under an eave for the winter. They can handle cold temperatures if they are dry.
- Growth: Moderate grower to 10-12" tall by 10-12" wide
- Hardiness: Zone 4-8; Perennial Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Monarda is native to eastern North America, so it is easy to grow and it multiplies quickly. The flowers' sweet nectar attracts scores of hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees to the garden. The aromatic foliage smells like mint when crushed and is often used to flavor teas. This new selection also offers good resistance to powdery mildew, a problem with many older Bee Balms. Just provide good air circulation, sunshine, and plenty of water and these plants will thrive!
- **<u>Flower</u>**: From mid through late summer, fuchsia purple flowers sit just at the top of the foliage. Though the plant may be dwarf, the flowers are the same size as taller selections, measuring a full 2½-3" across. They add a cool splash of color to the border in high summer.

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