



# 5 GREAT GARDEN PLANTS AND ONE THAT GAVE ME BUYER'S REMORSE

Gardening is a journey filled with learning, experimenting, and sometimes a bit of trial and error.

I hope this little plant guide is helpful. This is a list of 5 plants I love in my garden this season and one I regret buying.

Happy gardening!  
Sue Liberty





# CARTHUSIAN PINK

## (DIANTHUS CARTHUSIANORUM)

This plant is new to me and I love it. It has bright pink blooms that resemble Sweet William on top of long, stong stems. The plants forms grass-like mounds of foliage. I grew my plants from seeds purchased from [Select Seeds and Plants](#).

Perennial

USDA Hardiness Zone(s): 4-8

Size: 1-2' h x 1' w

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time(s): Summer to fall





# HELIOPSIS ‘BURNING HEARTS’

(HELIOPSIS HELIANTHOIDES VAR. SCABRA)

This is a great plant that has golden petals with a bright burgandy center. The stems are deep purple and the foliage is purple and dark green. I grew this plant from seed that I purchased from [Select Seeds and Plants](#). It bloomed its first season in the garden and came back strong season 2.

Perennial

USDA Hardiness Zone(s): 3-9

Size: 3-4' h x 1.5' w

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time(s): Summer to fall





# ZINNIA

## QUEENY LEMON PEACH

This is an award-winning Zinnia. Queeny 'Lemon Peach' has bright lemon yellow petals and a bright colored center. I grew my zinnias from seed that I purchased from [Select Seeds and Plants](#). So far, this is my favorite zinnia for the garden.

USDA Hardiness Zone(s): Annual

Size: 2.5-3.5' h x 2' w

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time(s): Summer to fall





# VERBENA BONARIENSIS

## (TALL VERBENA)

This is an heirloom plant first grown as an ornamental in 1726. The plant has clusters of small purple flowers on strong, thin stems. This plant is loved by butterflies and pollinators. It will self sow.

Considered invasive in CA, OR, GA, and TX.

Tender perennial

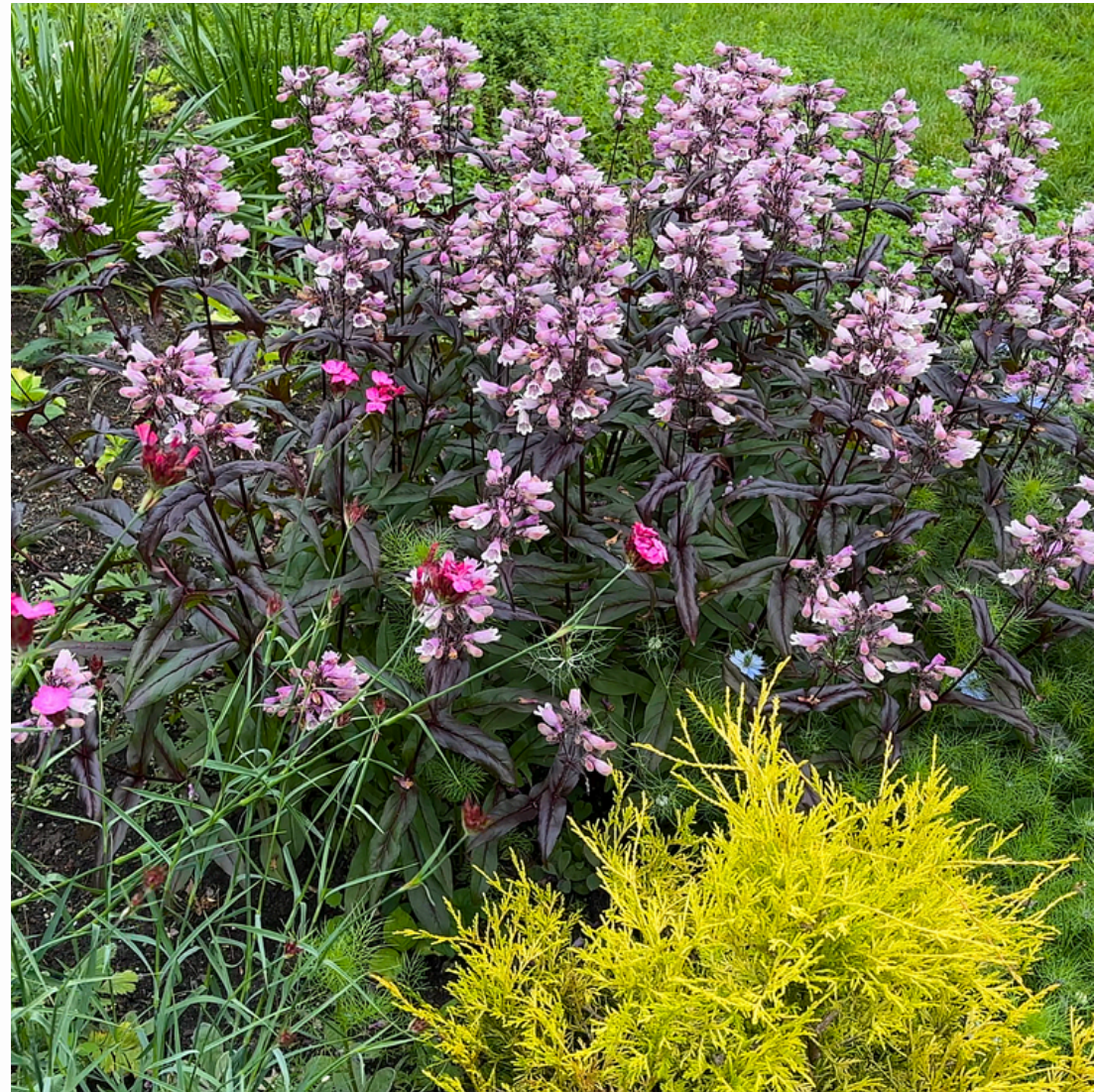
USDA Hardiness Zone(s): 7-10

Size: 4' h x 1-2' w

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time(s): Summer to fall





# PENSTEMON ‘MIDNIGHT MASQUARADE’

This is an all-season plant for your garden. In the early summer (May in my zone) it is covered with light lavender blooms with white centers. It attracts a wide range of pollinators and humming birds. Once the blooms are done, it remains looking great with its deep purple foliage and seed heads.

Perennial

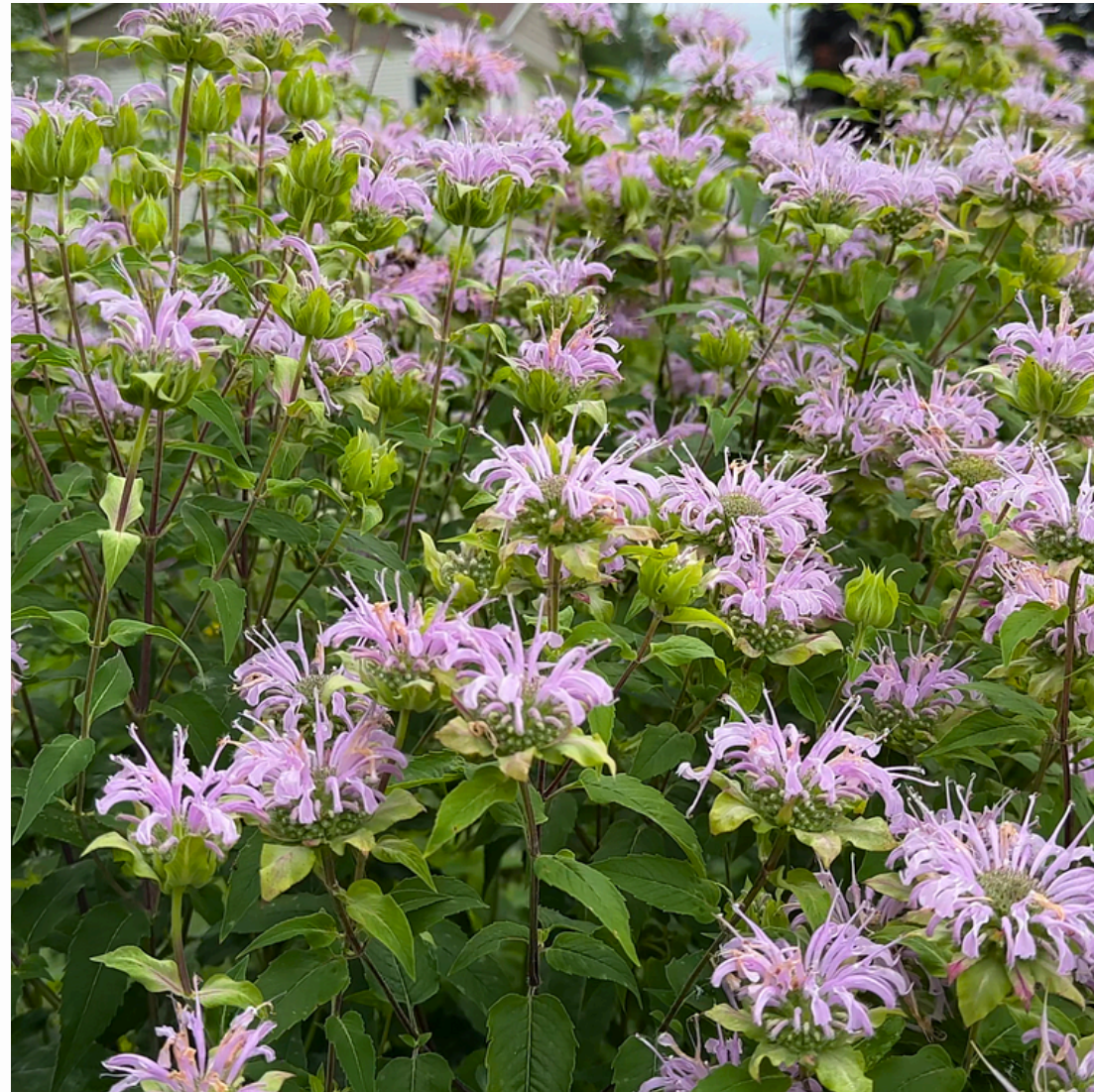
USDA Hardiness Zone(s): 3-8

Size: 3-3.5' h x 1-2' w

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time(s): Early summer to mid summer





# MONARDA FISTULOSA

## (NATIVE BEE BALM)

This is a native bee balm added to my garden last season and it is giving me buyer's remorse. The plant started off strong in the garden and the bees absolutely love it. But after the first rain, the plant flopped and is now covered with powdery mildew. It is starting to look very messy in the front border.

I don't recommend this plant for a home garden setting.

Perennial

USDA Hardiness Zone(s): 3-9

Size: 1-3' h x 4-5' w

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time(s): Summer