



***Eupatorium perfoliatum* - Boneset**

COMMON NAME: Boneset

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Eupatorium perfoliatum* - This name comes the Greek king of Pontus, *Mithridates Eupator*, who lived about 115 BC. He is said to have discovered this as an antidote to a commonly used poison. And *perfoliatum* means “through the leaf.”

FLOWER: Clusters of white flowers in 6 inch flat to roundish heads.

BLOOMING PERIOD: July to October

SIZE: Can be as much as 5 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: Vigorous. Tends to be a “pioneer” specie.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Has a wide tolerance for light and moisture, but prefers moist to wet soil and full sun.

NATURAL RANGE: Quebec to SE Manitoba, south to Florida and Louisiana. Grows in nearly all of Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Boneset attracts bees, wasps, butterflies and beetles. It was used in the Old South to ease symptoms of dengue fever (breakbone fever) because of its analgesic and fever reducing properties.

SUGGESTED CARE: Once it gets established it should be able to take care of itself. Weed it occasionally and don't let it get too dry.

COMPANION PLANTS: Its wide tolerance of light and moisture levels means it can be grown with many other species. It seems to be found most commonly with swamp aster and purple meadowrue.