

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



***Eupatorium maculatum* – Joe pye weed**

COMMON NAME: Joe Pye-Weed, Spotted Joe Pye-Weed

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Eupatorium maculatum* - Mithridates Eupator, Greek king of Pontus about 115 BC is said to have discovered an antidote to a commonly used poison in one of the species. *Maculatum* comes from Latin for “spotted” or “mottled.”

FLOWER COLOR: Purple

BLOOMING PERIOD: July to September

SIZE: 2 – 7 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: Erect perennial with a branched flowering stalk consisting of 9-22 disk flowers. Inflorescence about seven inches wide.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Grows best in full sun in rich, moist soil. Found in meadows, marshes and shores.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The stem has a spotted or mottled appearance. Leaves are in a whorled arrangement. The flowers are fragrant and attract butterflies.

SUGGESTED CARE: Easy to grow in a moist, sunny environment. Space plants 1 to 3 feet apart.

NATURAL RANGE: Labrador west to Manitoba, south to North Carolina and Georgia, west to the Mississippi River, Iowa and Minnesota. Found throughout Wisconsin.

COMPANION PLANTS: Wisconsin’s wet communities such as alder thicket, sedge meadow, fens. Marsh aster, marsh milkweed, large goldenrod, wild bergamot, coneflowers, and prairie grasses.