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Joe-Pye Weed - *Eutrochium maculatum*

Spotted Joe-Pye Weed

[Asteraceae](#) (Aster Family)

Joe Pye Weed is a tall plant, up to 6' in the best sun/soil conditions, but strong stems support the flowering plant so rarely needs to be staked. These attractive stems are almost the same color as the dusty rose-colored flowers, which will bloom for many weeks in July and August, becoming absolute magnets for dozens of species of butterflies. Also called Spotted Joe Pye Weed, it is best planted in full to almost-full sun and rich, moist soils. It will spread so should be planted with caution in small landscape situations. Flowers give way to attractive seed heads which persist well into winter.

Plant Characteristics

Duration: Perennial

Habit: Herb

Size Notes: 5-7 feet

Flower: Mauve Pink

Zone: 4 - 9

Bloom Information

Bloom Color: Mauve Pink

Bloom Time: July, August, September

Distribution

USA: AL , AR , CT , DC , DE , FL , GA , IA , IL , IN , KS , KY , LA , MA , MD , ME , MI , MN , MO , MS , NC , NH , NJ , NY , OH , OK , PA , RI , SC , TN , VA , VT , WI , WV

Canada: ON

Growing Conditions

Light Requirement: Sun – part shade

Soil Moisture: Wey – medium dry

Drought Tolerance: Medium

Soil Description: Prefers moist, fertile, humusy soils which do not dry out.

Benefit

Use Wildlife: Butterflies frequent Joe-Pye Weed

Conspicuous Flowers: yes

Attracts: Butterflies

Nectar Source: yes

Value to Beneficial Insects

Special Value to Native Bees

Special Value to Bumble Bees

This information was provided by the Pollinator Program at [The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#).

Propagation

Older plants can be divided and replanted in the early spring as new growth starts or fall. When the center dies out of Joe-pye weeds in the garden, then it's time for division. You need to dig up the entire clump, cutting away and discarding the dead center material. You can then replant the divided clumps. Plants die back to the ground in late fall. This dead growth can be cut back or left over winter and cut in spring. Although it's not the most recommended form of propagation, Joe-pye weed plants can be grown from seeds. They require stratification for about 10 days at 40°F. (4 C.). Do not cover the seeds as they require light for germination, which on average takes about two to three weeks. Root cuttings can also be taken in the spring.

Read more at Gardening Know How: Joe-Pye Weed Care – Growing Joe-Pye Weed Flowers And When To Plant Joe-Pye Weed <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/joe-pye-weed/growing-joe-pye-weed.htm>