

# Coyote Mint

*Monardella villosa*



## General Information

- Sun Exposure: Full sun, part shade
- Water Needs: Very low
- Cold Tolerance: Tolerates cold to 15 degrees Fahrenheit
- Flowering Time: Summer

## Planting Guide

- Propagating: Rootball division
- Growing from seed: Seed requires no treatment
- Location: Grows well on a mound or slope for better soil drainage
- Soil Description: Tolerates a variety of soils including sand, clay, and serpentine soil. Soil pH of 5.0-7.0
- Initial Watering: Water once when planted and then deep water after one week. Next, deep water every 2-4 weeks as needed

## Care Guide

- Irrigation: Does not require irrigation. Will produce more flowers and bloom for longer if watered max 2 times per month in the summer once established. Deep water infrequently (2-4 weeks) to encourage a deep root system that will better tolerate drought.
- Pruning:
  - Prune by 1/3rd in the fall or winter
  - Deadhead spent flowers
- Fertilizer: Not required

## Additional Notes

- The leaves can be steeped into a mint tea
- Supports butterflies if planted in sun
- Susceptible to aphids, whiteflies, and rust but is a hardy plant and unlikely to deteriorate if placed in full sun with good drainage

## Sources:

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