

Downy Woodmint

Scientific Name: *Blephilia ciliata*



<u>Life Cycle</u>	<u>Plant Height</u>	<u>Plant Spacing</u>	<u>Soil Moisture</u>	<u>Sun Exposure</u>	<u>Bloom Period</u>
Perennial	12 in.	10 - 18 in.	Medium - Dry	Full, Partial	June - July

Downy Woodmint has a distinctive appeal with its tight clusters of pink-purple flowers stacked to resemble a pagoda. Strongly supported by downy-haired stems reaching just 1', the flowers too are hairy and twin-lipped with three lobes and reddish spots on the lower lip. The opposing leaves have tiny hairs on the undersides and small scattered teeth on the margins. Basal leaves stay green through winter. Reminiscent of much-loved Monardas, this *Blephilia* will spread by rhizomes slowly from a central tap root to form clumps. Deer will not bother this member of the Mint family but important pollinators will frequent it during its approximate 1 month early summer bloom time. Downy Wood Mint can thrive in almost any medium to dry-soil garden that receives 20% or more sun per summer day making it a sure-fit for most gardens. Originally native to the Great Lakes and Mid-Atlantic states it will flourish in any zone 4-8 states. Other common names in use: Downy Pagoda Plant, Ohio Horsemint, and Sunny Woodmint.

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