

## horsemint *Monarda punctata*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Lamiales

Family: Lamiaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

### FEATURES

Horsemint may be a perennial, biennial or annual plant. Its four-sided stem is hairy. Its leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. These simple, toothed leaves are lance-shaped. The yellow flowers have purple spots. Flowers are clustered in the upper leaf axils. The bracts at the base of the flower are white or purple. The fruit is a nut. Horsemint may attain a height of one to three feet.

### BEHAVIORS

Horsemint may be found in the northern one-half of Illinois. It grows in sand prairies, hill prairies and on dunes. Flowers are produced from June through October.

### HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

hill prairie; sand prairie

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