

## **JOE PYE WEEDS**

There are a number of different kinds of Joe Pye weeds, none of which are weeds! They range from 18" to 7' tall; they all like even moisture, even a wet spot and a little mulch to keep the soil cool; and they all like full sun. They are butterfly magnets! Plant one and you'll see. Joe Pye weed makes a wonderful statement piece in any garden. As long as you have the space, this wildflower native adds impressive texture to a garden and can even act as a spectacular backdrop for smaller plants. With their deep green foliage and airy purple blooms, these plants are sure to get some attention in your garden.

Named after a Native American herbalist, Joe-Pye Weed was used to lower fevers. Most gardeners now use it to attract birds and butterflies to the garden and for its tall, stately grace at the end of the season.

### **EUTROCHIUM PERFOLIATUM - BONESET**

- Height: 4.00 to 6.00 feet
- Spread: 3.00 to 4.00 feet
- Bloom Time: July to September
- Bloom Description: White
- Sun: Full sun to part shade
- Water: Medium to wet
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Rain Garden
- Flower: Showy, Good Cut, Good Dried
- Attracts: Butterflies
- Tolerate: Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil

Easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade. Does well in both sandy and clay soils. Needs constant moisture.

### **EUTROCHIUM DUBIUM & 'LITTLE JOE' – COASTAL PLAIN JOE PYE WEED**

- Height: 3.00 to 4.00 feet
- Spread: 1.00 to 3.00 feet
- Bloom Time: July to September
- Bloom Description: Mauve purple
- Sun: Full sun to part shade
- Water: Medium to wet
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Rain Garden
- Flower: Showy, Fragrant
- Attracts: Butterflies
- Tolerate: Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil

Easily grown in abundantly moist, fertile, humusy soils in full sun to part shade. Also performs well in moist sandy to gravelly soils. Soils must not be allowed to dry out. 'Little Joe' is a more compact cultivar than the species, typically growing in a clump to 3-4' tall and to 1-3' wide.

## **EUTROCHIUM FISTULOSUM – HOLLOW JOE-PYEWEED**

- Height: 4.00 to 7.00 feet
- Spread: 2.00 to 4.00 feet
- Bloom Time: July to September
- Bloom Description: Dusky rose
- Sun: Full sun to part shade
- Water: Medium to wet
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Naturalize, Rain Garden
- Flower: Showy, Good Cut, Good Dried
- Leaf: Good Fall
- Attracts: Butterflies
- Tolerate: Deer, Wet Soil

Easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade. Plants prefer moist, fertile, humus-rich soils, which do not dry out. Best in full sun. Tall-stemmed plants are more likely to need support in part shade locations. Cut plants to the ground in late winter.

## **EUTROCHIUM MACULATUM 'GATEWAY'**

- Height: 4.00 to 5.00 feet
- Spread: 1.50 to 2.00 feet
- Bloom Time: July to September
- Bloom Description: Mauve/pink
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Medium to wet
- Maintenance: Low
- Suggested Use: Rain Garden
- Flower: Showy, Fragrant
- Attracts: Butterflies
- Tolerate: Deer, Clay Soil, Wet Soil

Easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun. Tolerates some light afternoon shade, particularly in hot summer climates. Prefers moist, fertile, humusy soils, which do not dry out. Cut plants to the ground in late winter. 'Gateway' is a popular cultivar that is more compact than the species, typically growing shorter (to 4-5' tall) and bushier with tighter and thicker inflorescences. Flowers give way to attractive seed heads, which persist well into winter.