



Grand Marshall



Grand Parade

## Monarda Grand Series

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

These compact growers from the Morden Research Station in Manitoba, Canada have excellent mildew resistance. Like other *Monardas*, they have aromatic foliage and attract hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. *Bailey Nurseries*.

- **Grand Marshall**—bright reddish purple blossoms
- **Grand Parade**—rich lavender purple flowers and shiny, dark green foliage

### USES

Excellent habit and disease resistance make these a great container crop for growers, even for those who may have given up on *Monardas* because of production challenges. They are an excellent addition to hummingbird programs and are well known and loved by perennial gardeners. The shorter height and compact habit make these a great choice for smaller gardens or large containers.

### GROWER NOTES

*The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.*

- Plant in fall or spring. Fast finish times and early summer bloom make spring planting possible even in areas where spring comes late.
- Use larger liners for fall transplanting and allow ample time for rooting-in prior to first hard frosts: generally 4–6 weeks.
- Pinch to promote branching, especially when plants are young; pinch to three nodes or so for low breaks.
- Provide a consistent, moderate rate of feed. Use time-release products incorporated into soil mixes, or use a regular liquid feed.
- If necessary, apply growth regulators to shorten internodes when plants are 6" tall. Regulators are not necessary when plants, especially Grand Parade, are grown in full sun and properly watered.
- Use preventive sprays for powdery and downy mildew when conditions are favorable. Monitor for mites and aphids in summer.
- Keep moist for best results. Over-drying to the point of severe wilt can result in leaf-edge burn or susceptibility to insect attack.

### PLANT DATA

#### Grand Marshall

- Height: 18–24"/24"
- Spread: 24"
- Bloom time: Jul–Sep
- USDA Zone: 3(–40°)

#### Grand Parade

- Height: 15–18"/18"
- Spread: 20"
- Bloom time: Jul–Sep
- USDA Zone: 3(–40°)

### APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 8–10 weeks from spring transplant or first new spring growth
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 4–6 weeks from spring transplant or first new spring growth
- 2-gallon from 72-cell liner: 10–12 weeks from spring transplant or first new spring growth

### PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited  
*M. didyma* Grand Marshall ('AChall'): COPF, USPPP  
*M. didyma* Grand Parade ('ACrade'): COPF, USPPP

