



Little Red Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium maculatum 'Little Red'

Plant Height: 3 feet
Flower Height: 4 feet
Spread: 3 feet
Spacing: 24 inches
Sunlight: ☉ ●
Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Eupatorium purpureum, Boneset

Ornamental Features

Little Red Joe Pye Weed has masses of beautiful plumes of lightly-scented rose flowers at the ends of the stems from late summer to late fall, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated narrow leaves emerge dark green in spring, turning forest green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Little Red Joe Pye Weed is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Little Red Joe Pye Weed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Little Red Joe Pye Weed in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Little Red Joe Pye Weed will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

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