

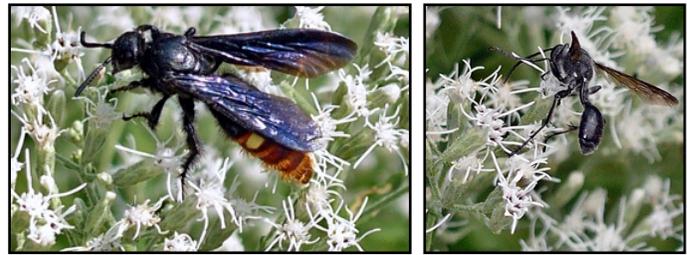
# Eupatorium hyssopifolium

## Hyssop-leaf Thoroughwort

Tried and True  
Native Plant Selections  
for the Mid-Atlantic



Clouds of Hyssop-leaf Thoroughwort flowers are more likely to float over NoVA\* roadsides and meadows than residential landscapes. However, these pollinator magnets can tolerate many challenging home environments: dry, (partially) shaded areas, sunny slopes, “hell strips” and gardens near the seashore.

Perennial	Flowers En Masse and with Pollinators**
Height: 1–3 feet	
Spread: 1–3 feet	
Bloom Color: White	
Characteristics	
Sparsely-branched, single-stemmed herbaceous perennial with clumping habit	
Finely textured whorled leaves	
Small tubular flowers arranged in flat-top clusters from July to October	
Flower-laden weaker stems may arch/flop over	
Spreads by underground rhizomes	
Attributes	
Tolerates salt; resists mildew	
Dried form provides winter interest and food (seeds) for birds	
Ethnobotanic uses	
Attracts a myriad of pollinators (wasps, bees, butterflies...) and other beneficial insects including predators and parasites of the brown marmorated stink bug (Penn State Extension)	
Growing and Maintenance Tips	
Soil Requirements: Well-drained, sandy preferred	Excellent Replacement for
Light Requirements: Sun, Partial Shade	<i>Buddleia</i> species - Butterfly Bush (reported host of the brown marmorated stink bug)
Water Requirements: Dry, Moist	
Cut to ground in late winter; dead-head when flowers fade to prevent re-seeding	
Use en masse in naturalistic settings, dry meadows, sunny slopes, “hell strips,” by the shore	<p>*It also is native in DC and concentrated in the extreme southeastern corner of PA. It is common in the Coastal Plain and Piedmont of DE and VA but rare in the mountains.</p> <p>**The blue-winged wasp, thread-waisted wasp (possibly grass-carrying wasp), honey bees, and red-banded hairstreak pictured above are among the many insects that frequent this plant.</p>
Hardiness: USDA Zones 4–8	
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