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Eupatorium fistulosum

[Synonyms : *Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus*]

SPOTTED JOE PYE WEED is a perennial. Native to eastern North America it has whitish-bloomed purple stems and tiny pinkish-brown flowers.

It is also known as Giant Joe pye weed, Hollow Joe pye weed, Joe pye weed, Queen of the meadow, and Trumpetweed.

The leaves emit a vanilla-like scent when crushed..

The flowers are pollinated by butterflies, wasps, beetles and other insects.

Fistulosum means ‘hollow, pipe-like or a narrow duct or passage’ with reference to the stems.

The hollow stems were used as drinking straws by some local North American Indian tribes.

Spotted joe pye weed is promoted in North America, especially in its native area, as an ornamental plant yet in some parts of North America it is now considered to be invasive.