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*Monarda citriodora*

[Synonyms : *Monarda aristata*, *Monarda dispersa*, *Monarda nuttallii*, *Monarda pectinata*,  
*Monarda tenuiaristata*]

**PRAIRIE BERGAMOT** is an annual or perennial. Native to southern North America it has purple-spotted, pink or white flowers.

It is also known as Horsemint, Lemon bee balm, Lemon bergamot, and Lemon mint.

*Citriodora* is made up of the genus name *Citrus* and Latin *odori*- (scent) components meaning 'lemon-scented' with reference to the leaves.

Authorities have noted that the North American Hopi Indians boiled the plant as a vegetable to eat with hare.