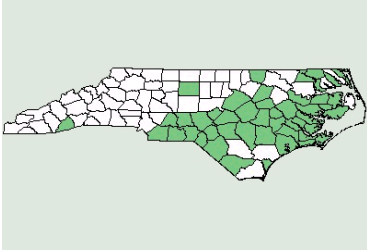


## ***JOE-PYE-WEED*** Eupatorium dubium

***An easy-to-grow native that will attract hordes of butterflies, bees, and other nectar-sipping insects. Perfect for that semi-natural setting in the backyard.***



**Description:** A robust upright perennial, with pink or purplish flower heads that are densely packed in several large rounded clusters at the top of the stem. The leaves have a vanilla scent when crushed.

**Natural Habitat:** The eastern U.S. from central Florida to east Texas and north to Iowa, Quebec and Newfoundland. Generally found in N.C. in moist fields and pastures, along road shoulders, at the edges of woods, and in disturbed areas.

**Conservation Status:** Abundant throughout its range.

**Size:** 5-8'

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Light:** Full sun

**Planting and Care:** Easy to grow in several conditions. Adapts to plenty of water and can tolerate periods of inundation. It will survive in dry sites as well and is even considered to be drought tolerant.

**Ornamental Value:** Although rarely found in U.S. gardens, Joe Pye weed is a very popular ornamental plant in England.

**Landscape Usage:** A tall, dominating plant -- not for the tidy flower bed or formal border but is perfect in a semi-wild natural garden or alongside a stream or pond. Due to its height, plant along a back fence or at the rear of a mixed border, it can be a structural focal point of the autumn garden.

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hordes of butterflies, wasps, beetles and other nectar-sipping insects can be found fluttering about the flowers from summer until late autumn.