

Eupatorium dubium

'Baby Joe'

North American Native Cultivar



Eupatorium (yew-pa-tor-ium)
From the Greek name of the King of Pontus, Eupator, who used one species as an antidote for poison.

dubium (doo-bee-um) meaning doubtful.



Zones: 4 – 9 **Flower Color:** Magenta **Height:** 2 – 3' **Spacing:** 18"



Great for mid to back of the border, **'Baby Joe'** is shorter than Little Joe and grows to 2-3' tall. Baby Joe has dome like heads of magenta-pink flowers in the summer on coarse green leaves. Great magnet for butterflies and can handle moist soil. PPAF.

About the Species:

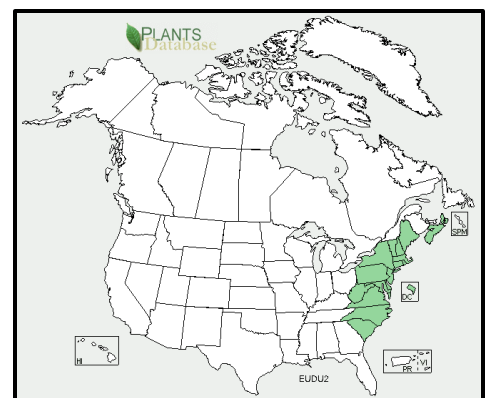
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Family: Asteraceae

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Habitat: *Eupatorium* can be found in wet meadows, damp thickets, shores, and along the roadside. It grows best in full sun but can also grow in semi-shade and enjoys grows well-drained soil that is moisture retentive.

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Beautiful and Useful.

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'Little Joe', a dwarf variety of *Eupatorium dubium*, was found at Conard Pyle Nursery in Pennsylvania by Steve Lighty. It has the same vivid color of the cultivar 'Gateway' but at 3-4 feet tall it has a height

suitable for smaller gardens. 'Little Joe' is well suited for borders, mass plantings, containers, as an edging plant, attracting butterflies, and has fragrant flowers with a long bloom period.

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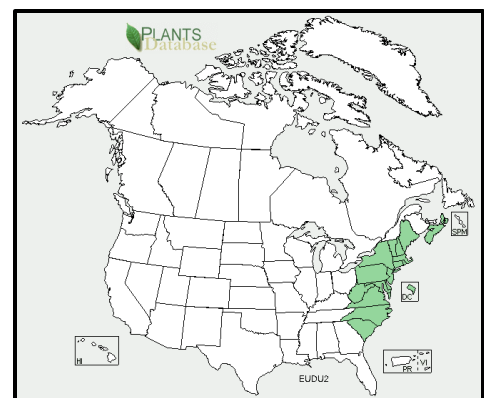
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Eupatorium maculatum

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purpureum subsp. maculatum (pur-pur-ee-um/ mak-ew-lah-tum)



Zones: 5 – 9 **Flower Color:** Dusty Rose **Height:** 5 – 6' **Spacing:** 24"

A slightly smaller plant than the straight species at 5 feet, 'Gateway' is more compact, and bushier with tighter and thicker dusty rose-pink inflorescences. Kurt Bluemel found this plant at his nursery in Monkton, Maryland and introduced it into the gardening world

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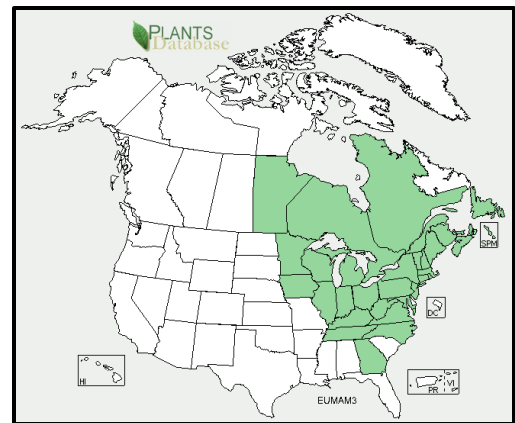
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Eupatorium rugosum 'Chocolate'

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rugosum (roo-go-sum) meaning rugose, referring to the wrinkled leaves.



Zones: 4 – 8 **Flower Color:** White **Height:** 3 – 4' **Spacing:** 24"

Shrub-like in size at 3–4', '**Chocolate**' is a gorgeous Eastern U.S. native Eupatorium. The chocolate-colored leaves have deep shiny purple stems with clusters of contrasting starry-white tiny flowers in September and October. It wants average to moist soil, quite a bit of shade, and makes an excellent cut flower. Some sun exposure will enhance the dark purple-bronze leaf color.

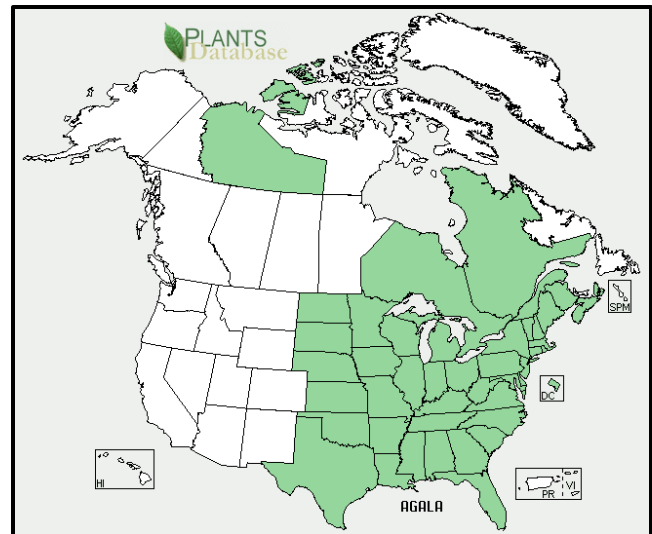
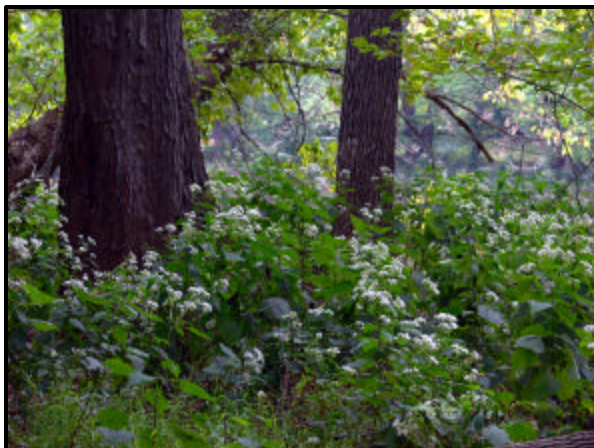
About the Species:

Common Name: White Snakeroot

Family: Asteraceae

Tiny white flowers in somewhat flat clusters appear on 3 to 4' foot stalks in later summer through frost attracting birds and butterflies.

Habitat: White Snakeroot can be found in woodlands throughout the eastern United States.



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In the Garden: Lovely naturalized in the shade garden, plant in average, medium to wet soils. Eupatorium rugosum can be a bit weedy if allowed to go to seed. Deadhead to prevent self-sowing. The high toxicity to animals and humans should be considered when sighting this perennial.