

# Discovery Garden

## featured plant for

### August

## Joe Pye Weed

*Eupatorium purpureum*

**Common Names:** Grass root, trumpet weed, gravel root, and feverweed.

This tall clumping perennial provides architectural interest for the late summer landscape. Its robust, unbranched stem is green and purple with whorls of foot-long leaves growing outward from each node.

Starting in July, plants are topped with cloudy tufts of pink and purple flower clusters. The faint vanilla scent attracts a variety of native pollinators, but is almost irresistible to Monarch and Swallowtail butterflies.

Joe Pye Weed is resistant to damage from deer and makes a spectacular cut flower for floral arrangements.

**Size:**

This plant can reach 5 to 7 feet tall and 2 to 4 feet wide.

**Best Viewing Months:**

July through September



**Fun Facts:**

- Seeds and flowers can be used to dye textiles in shades of pale pink to red.
- Burning the dried stems and leaves can repel mosquitoes and deer.
- Groupings can be divided in the Spring or Fall and replanted in different spots.



**Pollinators:**

Bees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds



The Discovery Garden is full of interesting native plants! Scan this QR Code with your smartphone or visit [visithandson.org/garden](http://visithandson.org/garden) to learn more!



*The Discovery Garden is tended by the Northeast Tennessee Master Gardeners Association and area volunteers.*