Monarda fistulosa
Wild Bergamot

The leaves are thin, soft, and smell similar to oregano when crushed.

The cotyledons (seed leaves) are kidney-shaped.

Notice the red or purple coloration of the stem and undersides of the leaves.

Leaves form in opposite pairs along the distinctly square stem.

Stems are hairless and feel very smooth to the touch.

As a young plant, Monarda fistulosa may grow a single upright stem, or may branch from the base to grow several upright stems.

A tight cluster of upright stems develops into a bushy young plant.

Leaves may be light or dark green and may have a red tinge.

Notice the serrated edges of the leaves.

Monarda fistulosa develops into a tall upright clump of stems before it flowers.