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Spotted Joe Pye Weed *Eutrochium maculatum*

- 3-6 ft tall, native: NJ/NE No. America, perennial/winter dormant
- Large, rose or purplish flower heads bloom July to September
- Stems are spotted with small purplish marks
- Average to wet soil, sun to part shade, good rain garden plant
- Attracts bees, butterflies, other pollinators
- Host Plant to various moth caterpillars
- Tolerates salt, clay, occasional flooding, occasional drought
- Collect ripe, tan seed heads September – November
- Allow seed heads to dry, wipe or pull bristled seeds from stems
- No need to remove bristles
- Store seeds cold and dry to maintain dormancy
- Press seeds into moist soil surface in pots or outside in garden
- Seeds need light to germinate, cover only lightly with sand
- Treat 4-8 weeks moist at 40°F to break dormancy
- Then transfer to 70° with light to germinate, may take 3 months
- Germination rate is usually low, sow thickly