

Wild mint

Mentha xgentilis

Description

Hybrid between *Mentha arvensis* and *Mentha spicata*.

Habit

Perennial, reproducing by seed and rhizomes, very aromatic.

Leaves

Opposite, with petioles, strongly scented, pinnately veined, narrow to oval, with small teeth on margins and with minute glandular hairs on leaf surface.

Stems

Square, usually branching, up to 2 1/2 feet (75 cm) tall; barbed hairs on angles and sometimes on sides of stem.

Flowers

Clustered in axils of upper leaves. Pink, lavender or occasionally white in color. 1/8 to 1/4 inch (3-6 mm) long, with 5 teeth and prominent nerves





in the tube.

Fruits and Seeds

Nutlets less than 1/16 inch (1.5mm) long, smooth, light brown in color, each with an irregular dark line on the convex side.

Habitat

Native to North America but weedy in nature. Can be found in meadows, pastures, along ditches and shores.

Reproduction

By seeds and rhizomes.

Similar

Resembles other species of Mint (*Mentha* spp.).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand pulling may control small populations. General use herbicides such as glyphosate, are effective at controlling wild mint.

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