

Clustered Mountainmint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*)

Mint Family

Other Common Names: short-toothed mountain mint

Scientific Name: *Pycnanthemum muticum* (Michx.) Pers.

Plant Symbol: PYMU

Distinguishing characteristics: Stems erect, branched above the middle, and minutely hairy; leaves opposite on the stem and with a short leaf-stem, overall shape is widely lance-shaped with a tapered tip and a rounded base, the margins with a few short teeth; the leaves associated with the inflorescence greyish in color and a little shorter and wider than the stem leaves; inflorescence is a tight ball of many small flowers clustered at the top of each branch and a few of the nodes below; flowers two-lipped, purple with darker spots.

Plant Height: 2-3 ft.

Blooms/Fruits: July–September

Duration: Perennial, herbaceous

Pollinator Value: Visited by a variety of bees, butterflies and flies, it is particularly appealing to small and medium-sized butterflies.

Habitat: Dry to moist uplands, open woods, pastures, meadows, and roadsides.

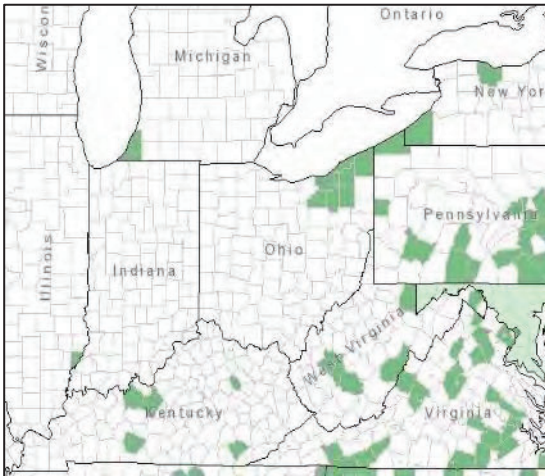


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Stem and leaf



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