



# Blue Vervain

*Verbena hastata*

**Plant Description** – Native, herb/wildflower, deciduous, perennial

**Height:** 2 – 6 ft **Width/Spread:** 1 – 2.5 ft



## Leaves

**Shape:** Lanceolate

**Arrangement:** Opposite

**Margin:** Serrate

**Form:** Simple

**Leaf Description:** up to 6-inch long and 1 inch wide, leaves are green in color; stems are square

## Flower/Bloom

**Flower Color:** Purple-blue; lavender

**In Bloom:** Jun-Oct

**Flower Shape:** Tubular

**Flower Description:** Each flower is 1/4 to 1/2 inch in length; flowers are densely packed on each inflorescence; inflorescences grow in upward pointing candelabra like spikes; 5 petals make up each tubular flower



## Fruits & Seeds

**Spreads via:** Seeds and Rhizomes/Tubers/Roots & Shoots

**Seed Type:** Fruit – nut

**Months in Seed:** Fall

**Fruit and Seed Description:** reddish, brown triangular nutlets

## Ecological Benefits

Food source for butterflies, Caterpillars (Common Buckeye), Native bees, Other birds, and Other Pollinators

## Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; flowers can be cut for indoor vase;  
Can be an aggressive grower; Remove dead flower heads throughout season to prolong summer bloom;  
Prefers heavy watering with good drainage (*water two-three times per week during the summer and twice per week during the rest of the year*)