



Dense Blazing Star

Liatris spicata

Plant Description – native, herb/wildflower, deciduous, perennial

Height: 2 – 5 ft **Width/Spread:** 1 – 2 ft



Leaves

Shape: Heart

Arrangement: Alternate

Margin: Entire

Form: Simple

Leaf Description: grass-like leaves are up to 12 inches long and clump towards the base of the plant, but extend upward to a showy flower cluster; basal leaves are alternate and form a rosette and are larger; stem leaves gradually decrease in size toward the top

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: Purple

In Bloom: Jul – Sep

Flower Shape: tubulate

Flower(s) Description: flowers are produced in heads that are arranged in dense spikes (6 – 12 inches long) at the ends of stalks; the heads are rounded, fluffy, and grow directly from the stalk; each head has 5-8 tubular disk florets (tubular, fertile floret that forms disk); one or more flower stalks arise from base of plant



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds & Rhizomes

Seed Type: Dry seed pod

Seed Season: Summer – Fall

Fruit and Seed Description: fruit has crown of bristles



Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Native Bees, Hummingbirds, and Other Birds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; prefers dry soil (*water three times per week*)