

Liatris spicata

Blazing Star



Also called marsh blazing star, dense blazing star, gay feather. Spectacular spikes of rosy-purple flowers, loved by butterflies. Native to wet meadows, but will grow in drier soil as well.

Suggested companions: swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), white turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*), fowl manna grass (*Glyceria striata*), Virginia wild rye (*Elymus virginicus*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 3-4' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Wet Meadow
Open field/ Prairie
Forested Wetland
Woodland Margin
Shrubby Wetland

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet
Clay

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

Purple
Pink

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

July
August
September

Other Attributes:

Butterfly attracting
Deer resistant
Bird attracting