



Name: Blazing Star *Liatris spicata*

Phonetic Spelling: LY-uh-tris spi-KAY-tuh

Description: Linear, alternating, grass-like leaves are longer at the bottom (up to 10 inches) and shorten as they ascend the stem. Wand-like, showy spikes of flowers may be 1 to 2 feet tall. Great nectar source. Attracts bees, moths, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Seeds are eaten by songbirds. Deer resistant.

Height: 24 to 36 inches

Bloom Color: Purple

Bloom Season: July to September.

Sun: Sun/partial shade.

Soil: Average to moist, well-drained soils that range from acidic to neutral in pH.

Pollinators: Butterflies, bees and moths.

Pests: Few problems with diseases and insects.

Cultivation & Management: Use these plants in the native pollinator garden to attract butterflies, bees and moths in the border, groupings or as a tall accent plant. Plant corms about 5 inches deep and 6-8 inches apart.

Sources: <https://extension.psu.edu/rain-garden-plants-blazing-star-liatris-spicata>

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