

# marsh blazing-star

*Liatris spicata*

## FEATURES

A single plant may attain a height of up to 60 inches. This member of the aster family has unbranched, smooth stems. The leaves are thin, much like a blade of grass. Flowers are blue-purple to red-pink and attach directly to the stem. Bracts below flower heads are sticky, long, flat and purple or have purple edges.

## BEHAVIORS

Marsh blazing-star is found statewide in prairies, wet meadows and sandy soil. Flower heads are produced from July through September. Pollinators are attracted to the nectar and pollen from this species.

## TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Asterales  
Family: Asteraceae

## ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

## ILLINOIS RANGE



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## **Aquatic Habitats**

wet prairies and fens

## **Woodland Habitats**

none

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; gravel prairie; sand prairie