

## Hosted Species

### Liatris Flower Moth (*Schinia sanguinea*)



### Liatris Borer Moth (*Carmenta anthracipennis*)



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## Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*)

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## Range of Blazing Star in the United States and Canada.



Meadow

## Habitat

Blazing Star is found in fields, prairies, and open areas where it can enjoy full sun. It likes moist to occasionally dry soil.

## Description

Blazing Star is a perennial that grows from 3 to 6 feet tall. The alternate, simple, entire, linear leaves grow over 6 inches in length and about 1 inch or less in width. The pink to purple flowers bloom from July to September.



## Alternative Names

Gayfeather, Snakeroot, Marsh Blazing Star, Dense Blazing Star, Prairie Feather

**Hardy in Zones: 3-8**

## Taxonomy and Name

Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*) was originally described and named by Carl von Linnæus in *Species Plantarum* (1753) as *Serratula spicata*. In 1803, Carl Ludwig Willdenow, a German Botanist, renamed it to *Liatris spicata*. It is a member of the Aster Family (Asteraceae).



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