

Hosted Species

Verbena Moth (*Crambodes talidiformis*)



Common Buckeye (*Junonia coenia*)



Blue Vervain is also a nectar species for numerous bees, ants and flies.



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Range of Blue Vervain in the United States and Canada.



Habitat

Blue Vervain prefers places that have full sun or partial shade such as meadows, thickets, river and streamsides, marshes, and ditches.

Description

Blue Vervain is a herbaceous perennial that grows from 2 to 5 feet tall. The opposite, simple, serrate leaves range from 3-6 inches in length and 1-3 inches in width. The blue to purple flowers bloom in the summer.



Alternative Names

Blue Verbena, Simpler's Joy, Swamp Verbena, Swamp Vervain

Hardy in Zones: 3-8

Taxonomic History

Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*) was originally described by Carl von Linnaeus in *Species Plantarum* (1753) and has kept the same name since. It is a member of the Verbena Family (Verbenaceae).



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