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(*Vernonia noveboracensis*)

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Range of New York Ironweed in the United States and Canada.



Meadow

Habitat

New York Ironweed prefers full sun to partial shade and moist soil. It is often found in wet meadows, fields, and roadsides.

Description

New York Ironweed is a perennial plant that grows from 5 to 8 feet tall. The alternate, simple, serrate, lanceolate leaves grow 3-12 inches in length. The purple flowers bloom from August to October.



Alternative Names

Ironweed, Tall Ironweed

Hardy in Zones: 5-9

Taxonomy and Name

New York Ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*) was originally described and named by Carl von Linnaeus in *Species Plantarum* (1753) as *Serratula noveboracensis*. In 1803, Carl Ludwig Willdenow, a German botanist, renamed it to its current name. It is a member of the Aster Family (Asteraceae).



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