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# BLUE VERVAIN

*Verbena hastata*

A wonderful wet-meadow plant with blue to purple flowers occurring in a candelabra-shaped panicle. It often grows in colonies and creates a lovely display when planted amongst tall native grasses and wildflowers.

## Growing Information

**Sunlight** Full sun, part shade  
**Soil Type** Sand/loam/clay, moist, wet, acidic-alkaline  
**Height** 3-6'  
**Flowering calendar** July-August

## Benefits for People

### Natural Habitat

Woodlands, grasslands, wetlands, riparian edges

## Benefits for Wildlife

**Leaves** Yes, insects, Cottontail Rabbits  
**Flowers** Yes, pollinators  
**Fruit**  
**Seeds** Yes, songbirds  
**Host to 10 caterpillar species**  
 (common names) including: Common Buckeye Butterfly; Verbena Moth; Fine-lined Sallow; Turtlehead Borer; Spotted Phosphilia; Common Looper Moth

