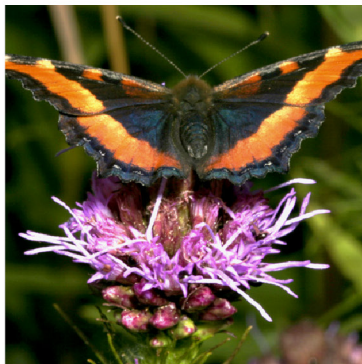




Native Plant of the Year: **Blazing Star** *Liatris spicata*



Photos courtesy of Gary Popotnik (top) and Judy Semroc (bottom left and right)

Unique Characteristics

Blazing star's upright purple flower spikes provide a bright long-blooming accent in the garden in July and August. An excellent cut flower, *Liatris* attracts butterflies and is a good native plant alternative to purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*).

Native range: **Eastern North America**

Plant type: **Herbaceous perennial**

Hardiness zone: **3 to 8**

Height: **2 to 4 feet**

pH: **5.6 to 7.5**



full sun



medium watering



moist, well drained



attracts butterflies



2 to 4 feet



zones 3 to 8

