

PRAIRIE BLAZING STAR

Liatris pycnostachya

Prairie blazing stars grow spikes of purple flowers that can reach five feet high. Flowering starts at the top of the spike and works down. The flowers have two long curly styles giving them a fuzzy appearance. Pollinators and hummingbirds flock to blazing stars. These plants are a popular choice for landscaping and home gardens because they are showy and relatively easy to maintain. The flowers were once mixed with corn and fed to horses to prepare them for races.

