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*Liatris scariosa*

[Synonyms : *Lacinaria ligulistylis*, *Liatris ligulistylis*, *Serratula scariosa*]

**TALL BLAZING STAR** is a perennial. Native to eastern North America it has purple to pale violet (occasionally white) flowers.

It is also known as Blazing star, Blue blazing star, Button snakeroot, Colicroot, Devil's bite, Gayfeather, Large blazing star, Large button-snakeroot, Prairie gayfeather, Purple-blue gayfeather, Rattlesnake master, and Rocky Mountain blazingstar.

*Scariosa* means 'shrivelled'.

Some North American Indian tribes including the Omaha used the root as a stimulant for their horses. Before a long hard ride or race they blew the powdered dried root into the horse's nostrils.

Medicinally, it has been used to treat some heart conditions, venereal diseases, fluid retention and sore throats.