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Liatris squarrulosa

[Synonyms : *Lacinaria ruthii*, *Lacinaria scariosa*, *Lacinaria scariosa* var. *squarrulosa*, *Lacinaria shortii*, *Lacinaria tracyi*, *Liatris earlei*, *Liatris scabra*, *Liatris scariosa* var. *squarrulosa*]

SCALY BLAZING STAR is a perennial. Native to eastern North America it has purple or rose purple flowers.

It is also known as *Aotashe* (Omaha and Ponca North American Indian), Appalachian blazing star, Blazing star, Blazing star root, Button snakeroot, *Kahtsu-dawidu* (Pawnee North American Indian), Rattlesnake-master, and Southern blazing star.

Squarrulosa means ‘with many small scales’.

As with tall blazing star (*Liatris scariosa*) some North American Indian tribes, including the Omaha, fed the flower heads (mixed with corn) to their horses as they thought this would not only enhance their condition but also make them fleet of foot.

The Pawnee North American Indian tribe have used the corm and leaves to cure children’s diarrhoea.

Medicinally, this species has been used especially as a remedy for rattlesnake bites.