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Dense Blazing Star *Liatris spicata*

- 1-4 ft tall, native: NJ & eastern US, winter dormant perennial
- Lavender pink flower spikes bloom August and September
- Prefers average to moist soil, in full sun
- Good nectar plant, attracts butterflies and hummingbirds
- Tolerates deer, clay, salt, drought
- Good raingarden plant
- Propagates easily from seed
- Collect ripe seeds as soon as seeds and bristles turn brown
- Store seeds cold and dry to maintain dormancy
- Seeds may be sown along with their chaff
- Press seeds firmly into moist soil surface in pots or in garden bed
- Treat 8 weeks moist at 40°F to break dormancy
- Then move to 70°F and light to germinate