



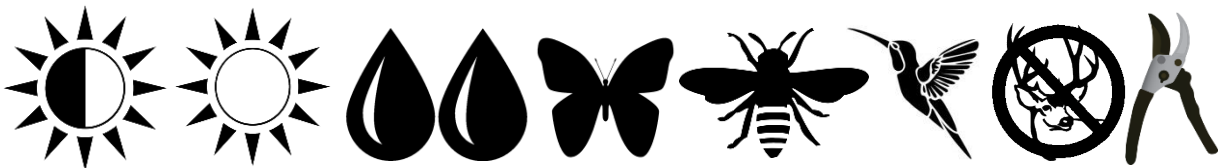
# Giant Ironweed

*Vernonia gigantea*



An attractive plant with purple flower clusters, this plant is popular with pollinators, and even hummingbirds. Member of the aster family, plants usually grow unbranched, except near the inflorescence. The name “ironweed” comes from the supposed strength of the stem. Several moth species use the plant as a larval host. Can re-seed heavily; remove seed heads to prevent unwanted spread.

- Perennial
- Grows 4-6 feet
- Found along stream edges, pine flatwoods



Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Flowering Time