

Ablaze with blazing stars

Blazing star plants attract all sorts of pollinators ranging from bees and butterflies to birds. They are identified by pink to purple flowers on a central stem.

Dense blazing star, *Liatris spicata*, shown top right, has long green leaves and densely crowded, narrow tubular flowers.

Rough blazing star, *Liatris aspera*, shown middle right, is well adapted to rocky sites in open areas or oak woodlands.

Prairie blazing star, *Liatris pycnostachya*, shown bottom right, like the other *Liatris* blooms from mid-summer until late fall.

Help Budburst find these two important Chicagoland native plants!

More information on all of these species can be found at budburst.org/projects/chicago-ecoflora-project



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Problematic porcelain berry

Porcelain berry, *Ampelopsis brevipedunculata*, shown left, is a vine with jagged-edged, heart-shaped leaves, small white flowers, and speckled berries. It spreads quickly, pushing out native plants making it invasive in the U.S.

Help Budburst find this invasive so that it can be better controlled!