

Common Ironweed

Vernonia fasciculata

Minnesota C-Value: 5
Wetland Indicator Status: FACW
Native



Dense flower cluster

Leaves: Alternate, sharply toothed, narrow lance-shaped leaves. 5-15 cm long and 1-4 cm wide. Hairless, with a prominent central vein.

Stems: 2-6 ft tall, erect, round, hairless. Often reddish to purple in color. The flower head branches may be covered in short hairs.

Flowers and fruit: Violet-purple flower heads up to 8 mm wide. Flower heads are arranged in a 4-10 cm wide flat, dense cluster.

Plant communities: Low prairies, meadows, pastures, streambanks, and other areas with full sun in wet to moderate conditions.

Comments: Perennial. Also known as prairie or bunched ironweed. The only other ironweed in MN, *V. baldwinii*, is less common, found in the upland, and has dense short hairs on the stems and leaves.



Sharply toothed leaves

Stalkless to short-stalked leaves