

# Vernonia gigantea



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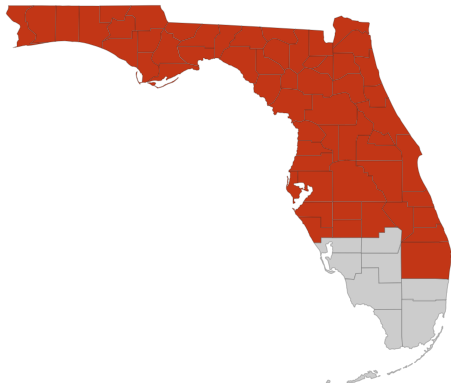
## Tall Ironweed

### Asteraceae (Compositae)

#### Plant Specifics

Size:	4-6 ft
Life Span:	Long-lived perennial
Flower Color:	Purple
Phenology:	Winter dormant
Habitats:	Exposed sand and gravel bars of streams during low water, stream banks, hydric to wet mesic pine flatwoods. Rich soils. Ruderal.

#### Natural Range in Florida



#### USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



#### Landscaping

Recommended Uses:	Back of a moist wildflower garden. Can also be on the edges of natural or created wetlands and streams.
Light:	☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade
Moisture Tolerance:	Usually moist, occasional inundation ----- to Not wet but not extremely dry
Salt Water Flooding Tolerance:	Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.
Salt Spray Tolerance:	Some tolerance to salty wind but not direct spray.
Soil/Substrate:	Loam, Sand

#### Wildlife



Nectar attracts butterflies and native bees.

Larval host for spring azure butterfly.

