

## Blue vervain

*Verbena hastata*

Minnesota C-Value: 6  
Wetland Indicator Status: FACW+  
Native



**Leaves:** Opposite, lanceolate, coarse toothed, up to 7 in. long.

**Stems:** 4 sided, branched, rough and hairy, often purple-tinged, up to 5 ft tall.

**Flowers and fruit:** 6-7 mm long purple-blue flowers at the end of long terminal spikelets, many spikelets per head, branching.

**Plant communities:** Wet meadows, wet prairies, depressions, shorelines.

**Comments:** Native perennial. Easy to distinguish from other *Verbena* while in flower, owing to the multiple, branching flower spikes per plant. White vervain, *Verbena urticifolia* (FAC+) has a green hairy stem and leaves abruptly narrowed at the base.

