Prairie Blazing Star makes an excellent cut flower, adds beauty to a perennial garden, and attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and native bees all summer.

**Characteristics**
- **Height:** 4 feet
- **Spread:** 1-2 feet
- **Bloom time:** July-September
- **Bloom color:** Purple

**Attributes**
- Tall purple spikes made of many small, tube-shaped flowers which bloom from the top of the spike downward
- Stamens and styles protrude from the tufted flower heads, creating a fuzzy appearance
- Lower portion of the plant is covered with short, fuzzy, grass-like leaves

**Growing and Maintenance**
- **Soil requirements:** Moist to average soils
- **Light requirements:** Full to part sun
- **Water requirements:** Medium
- **Propagates by seed sown outside in late fall (scarified) or in spring (stratified)**

**Native Range**
- Native to central and Midwest United States
- Commonly occurs in prairies, open woods, meadows and along railroad tracks and roads

**References listed at** www.blackswamp.org/factsheetreferences/
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