



Liatrix spicata
Liatrix spicata Kobold
Liatrix spicata Kobold Original



WHEW!
THAT'S A LOT TO UNPACK,
BUT HERE GOES!



Liatris spicata

Commonly called:

- Gayfeather or blazing star (as are **ALL** liatris, by the way!)
- Dense blazing star
- Marsh blazing star

It is a tall, upright, clump-forming perennial which is native to moist, low grounds, meadows and marsh margins.

Typically reaching 2'-4' in cultivation but can reach up to 6' high in some parts of its native habitat with adequate moisture.

All liatris attract butterflies and other pollinators wherever they are planted.

What does Kobold mean?

In German folklore, a Kobold is a gnome-dwarf. According to Wikipedia, the most common depictions of Kobolds show them as humanlike figures the size of small children.

The name KOBOLD does not imply a blue color i.e. Cobalt. HOWEVER, the name of the element cobalt comes from the creature's name.

Medieval miners blamed this being for the poisonous and troublesome nature of the typical arsenical ores of this metal (cobaltite and smaltite).

In the plant world the name KOBOLD implies a dwarf plant. Alyssum saxatile Gold Kobold and Gaillardia aristata Kobold are two other such varieties.





Liatris spicata Kobold

- The dwarf form of *Liatris spicata*.
- It is typically produced from seed. With a mature height of 24"-30".
- This popular cultivar is less likely to need staking than the species.
- It works very well in gardens and landscapes where a vertical accent is needed.



Liatris spicata Kobold Original

- A very compact form of Liatris spicata.
- Typically growing to only 14" tall, about half the size of Liatris Kobold.
- It is a tuberous rooted perennial and is produced by **division**, not seed.
- It blooms earlier than either Kobold or the straight species.
- Provides a vertical accent, but in a smaller package.

Very Important!

- Please be aware that maintaining that very dwarf stature of Kobold Original requires diligent deadheading and eliminating seed and seedlings to keep future plants true.
- Its dwarf nature does not come true from seed, rather from division.
- If allowed to seed itself, Kobold Original will become Kobold.





thank you

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