

Iron Butterfly Ironweed



Vernonia lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly'

- **Use:** Use the iron butterfly ironwood to add texture and color to the late-season garden. Consider using this plant in a rock garden, drought-tolerant garden, or as a border in a pollinator garden. Native to the mid-West
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sun-light shade. Well-drained soil, but not soggy. Water when top 3" of soil is dry. Do not water center of the plant, try to water under the leaves. Drought tolerant once established. Too much water or fertilizer will cause stems to become floppy.
- **Growth:** It grows to a height of 24 to 36 inches tall and 18 to 24 inches wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Small, green foliage (bitter & coarse) is unpalatable to deer.
- **Flower:** Long-lasting bright purple-violet flowers from summer to fall. Many frilly aster-like or disc flowers appear in summer at a time when other flowers are giving out to provide the bees and butterflies with nectar. Pollinators will flock to this plant!

**Blooms summer-fall and comes back every year!
Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.**

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