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.