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Instant ID

- A tall wildflower producing purple flowers and white fruits
- Blooms in late summer and fall
- Flowers resemble a bottlebrush
- Grass-like green leaves shift to bronze in the fall
- Showy flowers present for about two to three weeks

Native Niches

- Natively found growing across the United States in scrubs, sandhills, flatwoods, and upland pines
- More than 17 species are native to Florida



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Plant Particulars

- Heavy flowers may cause lodging, or falling over
- Other names include gayfeather or colic root
- Fairly drought tolerant
- Best when planted in a mass due to its tall and slender shape
- Blooms from the top down
- Historically used as an intestinal aid

Population Protection

- Attracts and supports pollinators, especially butterflies
- Included in the Florida Department of Transportation's Wildflower Management Program

