Culver’s Root ‘Lavender Towers’
Veronicastrum virginicum

4-5’ x 2-3’, neat upright vertical architectural habit. ‘Lavender Towers’ has a 4-star rating from the Chicago Botanical Garden.

Species if a CT native, found in open rich woods, thickets, moist meadows.

‘Lavender Towers’ has showy and elegant slender 15”-long candle-like tapering spikes, densely packed bottle-brush style with tiny light lavender/soft violet flowers, opening from the top of the spikes down. Flowers are atop strong upright stems, creating a beautiful vertical effect, hovering above the foliage. Smaller lateral whorled branching flowering spikes give the plant a candelabra-like effect. The flowers on the lateral spikes bloom later, prolonging bloom time for several weeks. Flowers prolifically, once established. June-August. Spikes persist

Very strong stiff stems are clothed in lance-shaped toothed dark green leaves in 3-6 leaf whorls, providing an interesting contrast to flowering spikes.

Sun; moist to average, well-drained soils, Tolerates part shade, but may need staking. If foliage looks tired in late summer, chop back for fresh basal growth. However, the seed-heads can be very ornamental in fall. Takes a few years to fully establish, but then very long-lived.

A regal plant to use for impressive vertical accents, providing long-lasting bloom at the rear of perennial borders, in mixed borders, cottage gardens, meadows, near water, in rain gardens. Excellent flowers for cutting.

Attracts Butterflies, Moths. Special value to Honey Bees, and Native Bees, including Bumblebees, Mason Bees, Green Metallic Bees, and Masked Bees.

Photos 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
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