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Habitat Notes:

Mesic and dry-mesic forests, floodplain forests and alluvial swamps, seepage swamps, and other low, disturbed habitats.

Species Identification:

- Blue to violet flowers.
- “Tractor seat”-shaped protuberance on the upper portion of the calyx.
- Height 0.5 – 2.5 feet
- Flowers in racemes, bracts much reduced; petioles of stem leaves > 4mm.
- Corolla tube with sharply defined ring of hairs at bend of tube.
- At least some upper leaves entire.

Cultural Conditions:

- Full sun (6 or more hours of sunlight)
- Moist soil, occasionally dry

Ecological Benefits:

- Wildlife: wide range of bees visit this plant for nectar

Growing Protocol:

- No stratification required but does require light for germination: (A, D)
- Use fine grade vermiculite when sowing seeds.

Collection Information:

- Shattering pods. Seeds need to be collected prior to dispersal.
- Either shake into a bag or cut the stem and collect the entire stalk before seeds are dispersed.
- Plant will still be green when seeds are ready.
- Harvest in the summer.

Pests & Disease:

- No significant pests or diseases. Aphids and powdery mildew have been reported on select *Scutellaria* species.