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Habitat Notes:

Lawns, fields, roadsides, clearings, mesic to dry forests and woodlands, well-drained floodplain forests, limestone and dolomite barrens.

Species Identification:

- Blue flowers
- Height 0.5 – 2.5 feet
- Leaves predominately basal, usually lobed; 1-3 pairs of opposite cauline leaves.
- Inflorescences spiciform; verticillasters often widely separated, 3-10 flowered.
- Corolla 1.5-3 cm
- Nutlets 2-2.3mm, obovoid to ellipsoid, dark brown

Cultural Conditions:

- Full sun to part sun (2-6 hours a day)
- Clay, sandy, shallow rocky soil
- Good drainage, moist, occasional flooding to dry

Ecological Benefits:

- Wildlife: Attracts many pollinators including carpenter bees, leaf cutting bees, and mason bees.
- Mourning doves eat the seeds.

Growing Protocol:

- Seed requires no stratification (A)

Collection Information:

- Shakers. 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 late spring to early summer.

Pests & Disease:

- No significant issues.