Verbena hastata
BLUE VERVAIN (Vervain Family)

Violet-blue (rarely pink) flowers; slender flower spikes usually numerous; the spiked flowers are small, (½-⅓" wide), tubular and 5-lobed at the end, a few opening at a time. The leaves are lance-shaped, opposite, coarsely toothed and short-stalked. Lower leaves sometimes lobed. Stem leaves more than 2; stem somewhat four-sided. 2-6’ high (61-183 cm). At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie, blooms from the 1st week in July through the 2nd week in September.

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