Verbena hastata
Blue Vervain

The young seedlings are easily identifiable by their pairs of opposite leaves which are deeply veined and coarsely toothed.

The stems are often red or purple in color. This coloring is particularly noticeable in young seedlings.

The stems are square and hollow.

From above, the opposite leaves give the plant a square shape.

The leaves are long narrow, with large irregular teeth.

Short stiff hairs make the leaves rough to the touch.

As a young plant, Verbena hastata is tall, slender, and often single-stemmed.

The plant becomes more branched, particularly in the upper half, as it matures.