Description

Native to the southeastern United States, Liatris microcephala, is a great accent plant to add biodiversity to a green roof. A compact, clump-forming plant with delicate grass-like foliage, it is great nectar source for pollinators. The rose-purple blooms are excellent for attracting birds, hummingbirds, and butterflies. Like most perennials, this plant will benefit from growing in a deeper soil profile, or, where the green roof media has been mounded. It will need regular water to become established.

Profile

- **Botanical Name**: Liatris microcephala
- **Family**: Asteraceae
- **Plant Type**: Herbaceous Perennial
- **Plant Usage**: Accent
- **Hardiness Zone**: 5-8
- **Foliage Color**: Green
- **Flower Color**: Rose-Purple
- **Bloom Time**: August-September
- **Winter Interest**: Dormant
- **Height**: 18"
- **Spread**: 12"
- **Light Requirement**: Full Sun
- **Origin**: Southeastern US
- **Self Sowing**: A little
- **Shade Tolerant**: No
- **Substitutes**: Liatris spicata.