GENTIANACEAE
Frasera fastigiata (Pursh) Heller
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clustered frasera

FORM: Stout, glabrous, unbranched, deciduous, perennial forb; flowering stem 5-15dm (2-5ft) tall.

LEAVES: Cauline leaves: lanceolate, whorls of 3-5, reduced upward; basal leaves: thin, acute, obovate, 20-45cm (8-18in) long.

FLOWERS: Regular, blue or bluish-purple, 4-merous, tubular to campanulate (bell-shaped), numerous in large, narrow, congested panicle; May-July.

FRUIT: Ovoid, slightly compressed capsule, 12-18mm long.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Frasera speciosa (giant frasera), and early stages of Veratrum species, p. 179-180.