

## Blue Cardinal Flower

*Lobelia siphilitica*



This clump-forming perennial has upright leafy stems. From late summer to mid-autumn, it bears dense spikes of light to bright blue tubular, two lipped flowers with a more prominent lower lip.

**Noteworthy characteristics:** Long lasting bloom, Suitable for edging, near water, or in mixed or herbaceous border. U.S. native.

**Care:** Grown in deep, moist soil. Fertilize every two weeks in spring and early summer to improve flowering. Plants may be trimmed as they die back in hot summers.

**Propagation:** Divide in summer. Take bud cuttings in midsummer.

Height:	1-3 ft.
Spread:	1-3 ft.
Light:	Full sun to part shade
Moisture:	Medium to wet
Characteristics:	Native, showy flowers
Bloom time:	Summer, Fall
Flower color:	Blue flower/lavender flower