



2022 Native Perennial of the Year



Lobelia cardinalis Cardinal flower

Dramatic red spikes create spectacular focal points in shade gardens and containers alike. The long, tubular flowers are a natural hummingbird feeder and butterfly magnet. When provided with adequate moisture, the showy florets bloom for a month or more beginning in midsummer. Useful in rain gardens. Deer resistant.

- Hardiness:** Zones 3–9
Light: Sun to part shade
Soil: Moist
Size: 2–3' tall
Foliage: Basal rosette of green–purple leaves
Flowers: Spikes bearing brilliant red flowers
Fruit: Self-sows readily
Bloom Time: July to August
Wildlife Value: Important nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies



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