

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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