



## ***Lobelia cardinalis* • Cardinal flower**

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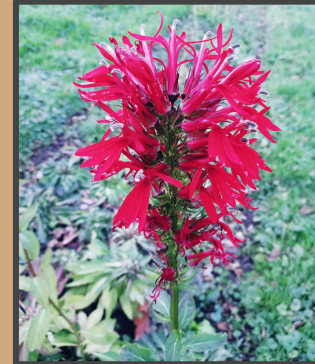
**PLANT CHARACTERISTICS:** bright red blooms. H= 3-6' Spread 1-2'

**DESIRED SITE LOCATION & SPACING:**

- full sun to partial sun
- moist - wet soil
- drought tolerance = medium
- 10" between plants and rows  
(recommended spacing (6-16"))

**ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS:**

- Wildlife: attracts hummingbirds
- Conspicuous Flowers: yes
- Attracts: butterflies, hummingbirds and birds
- Nectar Source: yes



Seed Stratification	cool and moist, minimum of 60 days
Seed-Sow to Finished Plug	February to mid-May (14 weeks)
Outplanting	late May
Flowering Period	late July - early September

#### SOWING & SEED DEPTH:

- Seeds are VERY small and need light for germination. Surface sow.

#### SEED COLLECTION:

- mid-October - November
- harvest stalk with seed pods leaving main stems for overwintering insects
- harvest pod when plump, dark brown, paper-dry and just as they begin to open at the top
- mature seeds are yellowish
- carefully break pod open and pour seed out onto a white collection sheet

PESTS & DISEASE: none of note

