



# BLUE LOBELIA

*Lobelia siphilitica*

Wow! This plant has it all—light to dark blue, tubular, 2-lipped flowers blooming in tall spikes late in the season. Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, and countless other beneficial insects.

*Species is Potentially Extirpated in Maine.*

## Benefits for Wildlife

- Hummingbird and butterfly magnet! Attracts many beneficial insects
- Excellent nectar source for long-tongued bees
- Only food plant for the Lobelia Weevil, *Cleopomiarus hispidulus*

Host to 6 caterpillar species:  
(common names) Pink-Washed Looper Moth; Plevie's Aquatic Moth; Greater Black-Letter Dart; Spotted Cut-Worm; Red-Banded Leafroller Moth; Dark-Spotted Palthis

## Benefits for People

- Forms colonizing clumps and may self seed
- Plant with Cardinal Flower for a stunning combination
- Native Americans used medicinally to induce vomiting and cure tobacco and alcohol addictions

## Growing Information

Sunlight	Full sun to partial shade
Soil Type	Medium to wet soils—needs constant moisture
Height	2–3'
Width	1–2'
Flowering calendar	July to September

## Natural Habitat

- Streams, swamps, and in low wooded areas

