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CARDINAL FLOWER

Lobelia cardinalis

This plant is absolutely stunning with large, cardinal-red tubular flowers that are magnets for hummingbirds and butterflies. Super effective in moist and shady areas, providing a pop of brilliant color.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Hummingbird and butterfly magnet! Attracts many beneficial insects
- Depends on pollination by Ruby-throated Hummingbirds

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

- Adds a late summer bloom and height to gardens
- Forms colonizing clumps
- Deer resistant

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun to partial shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Medium to wet soils; needs constant moisture
<i>Height</i>	2-4'
<i>Width</i>	1-2'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	July to September

Natural Habitat

- Streams, swamps, and in low wooded areas

