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GREAT 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.

Growing Information

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

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Larval host plant for 6 species of butterflies and moths
Flowers	Hummingbird and butterfly magnet! Attracts many beneficial insects
Fruit	No
Seeds	No
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

Natural Habitat

- Streams, swamps, and in low wooded areas

