

Botanical Name: Lobelia laxiflora

Common Name: Mexican lobelia

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, loose, spreading habit of growth, erect, slender  
stems arising from ground -- forms a dense cushion shape with flowers held  
well above foliage

Height 2-3' Spread 6-8' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun/shade

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy: (zones 7-9, 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, narrowly elliptic, 4-8" long, coarsely  
serrate, shiny, bright green

Flowers flame red, tubular, bilaterally symmetrical, 1-1/2" long,  
terminal racemes/spikes -- early Spring

Fruit 2-valved capsule, 1/2" long

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: low filler/facer in shaded habitats--flower display, loose  
form of plant -- temperate climates, woodsy landscapes, informal gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering takes heavy watering but also tolerates drought when  
established - very durable

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back after bloom

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Mexico Family: Lobeliaceae