

Botanical Name: Lobelia cardinalis

Common Name: Cardinal flower

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

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun/shade

Soil prefers wet, acidic soils

Hardiness hardy, best in cool, damp places (zones 1-7,13-17)

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 -- April-June

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 heavy -- likes water

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back after bloom

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: East. U.S. Family: Lobeliaceae