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GREAT BLUE LOBELIA (*Lobelia siphilitica*)

Great Blue Lobelia is a member of the “Bellflower” plant family and is native to regions of Eastern North America from Ontario south through the Appalachian Mountains to Alabama and westward to Colorado and Wyoming. This woodland plant develops upright stems with clusters of lavender/blue flowers surrounding the upper part of the stem. Interestingly, Great Blue Lobelia is the “Blue” counterpart to the Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) with its red flowers.



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Plant Type:
Short-lived, clumping perennial. Will seed back under favorable conditions.



Light Conditions:
Does well in full sun, part sun or shade but requires consistent moisture.



Soil/Moisture:
Wet to moist, clay, loam or sandy soils



Size/Height:
0.6 to 1 meters (1 to 3 feet)



Flowers:
Small tubular, lavender/blue flowers form around the upper stem blooming from late July to October, rarely into November. Mature plants can produce several flowering stems.



Wildlife Benefits:
Flowers attract large numbers of native bees and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds.



Nativars:
Pure white flower forms of this plant can be found.