

AgBud



A series of horticulture insights

Did you know?

The common name "Cardinal Flower" refers to the brilliant red robes traditionally worn by Roman Catholic cardinals.

Overview

- A showy perennial growing 2 to 4 feet tall with upright stems and striking spikes of scarlet-red flowers.
- Flowers bloom from late spring through fall, typically May through October.
- Leaves are dark green, lance-shaped, and arranged along erect stems.
- Prefers consistently moist conditions and has low drought tolerance.

Production

Thrives in moist to wet soils and is ideal for rain gardens, pond edges, and stream banks.

Can self-seed and form attractive colonies in suitable habitats.

One of the best native flowers for attracting hummingbirds because its long tubular blossoms are adapted for hummingbird pollination.

Cardinal Flower

Kingdom: Plantae

Order: Asterales

Family: Campanulaceae

Genus: Lobelia

History

- Once common throughout its range, overpicking contributed to local declines in some areas.
- It is native to much of the United States, Canada, Mexico and parts of Central America.



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