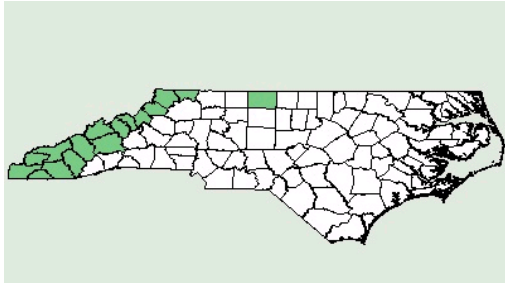


# ***GREAT LOBELIA***

*Lobelia siphilitica*

## ***Blue Cardinal Flower***



**Description:** Great Blue Lobelia produces Stout spikes of two-lipped elegant blue, and rarely sometimes white, flower in mid to late summer

**Natural Habitat:** streams, sloughs, springs, swamps, meadows and in low wooded areas.

**Conservation Status:** Endangered - Massachusetts; Exploitably Vulnerable - New York; Possibly Extirpated - Maine

**Size:** 2-3 feet tall, 1 to 1.5 feet spread

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Light:** Full sun in cool climates to part shade

**Planting and Care:** Easily grown in rich, hummus, medium to wet soils, will tolerate occasional flooding. Divide clumps in spring as needed. In optimum growing conditions may self-seed, forming attractive colonies.

**Ornamental Value:** Showy blue flowers

**Landscape Usage:** border in a perennial garden, wild garden, native plant garden, woodland garden or naturalized planting also effective near ponds and streams and can be grown in large pots partially submerged in a water garden

**Commercial/Traditional Uses:** Fresh cut flowers

**Wildlife Benefits:** Hummingbirds and bees