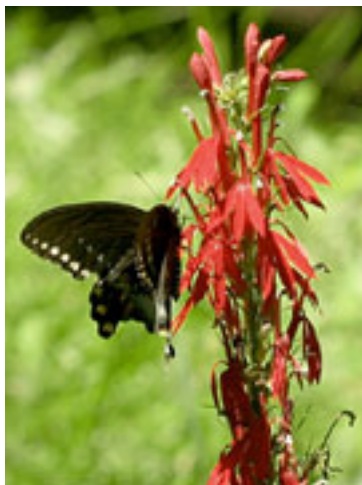




Native Plant of the Year:
Cardinal Flower
Lobelia cardinalis



Photos courtesy of Forest Buchanan (top) and Judy Semroc (bottom left and right)

Unique Characteristics

The cardinal flower, a water-loving perennial, produces brilliant stalks of bright red blooms beginning in mid-summer. Its affinity for water makes this flower an excellent choice for rain gardens, swales, ditches and pond edges.

Plant type: deciduous perennial

Native range: North America

Sun: full sun to part shade

Water: medium to wet

Soil: wet soil

pH: 6.1 to 7.8

Height: 2 to 4 feet

Wildlife: attracts hummingbirds and butterflies

Hardiness zones: 3 to 9

