

Black Truffle Cardinal Flower



Deer resistant, bunny resistant, drought tolerant and attracts butterflies.



Lobelia cardinalis 'Black Truffle'

- **Use:** Wonderful in the perennial border and perfect for rain gardens, this cardinal flower is sure to stand out with its dramatic, dark chocolatey-purple foliage and bold red flowers. Superior to other dark-foliaged Lobelias on the market, 'Black Truffle' holds this deep color throughout the growing season. A magnet for hummingbirds and butterflies all summer, but deer tend to leave it alone. Introduced by Peter Heus and brought to market by Plants Nouveau. Hummingbird magnet! Cut flower. Deer and rabbit resistant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun or at least 5-6 hours of afternoon sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Drought tolerant once established. This is a vigorous grower that performs best in moderately fertile, but well-drained soils.
- **Growth:** Grows quickly to 3-4' tall and plant them 2-3' wide.
- **Hardiness: Zone** 5-8 Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The foliage emerges nearly black with an oil-slick looking sheen to it. As the summer months go on and the heat turns up, the foliage turns shiny maroon and stays that way until the cardinal red flowers appear.
- **Flower:** Tall spikes of stunning rose-pink and white red flowers spring to fall are a true hummingbird magnet! This plant supports ruby-throated hummingbirds, swallowtail butterflies, and bumblebees that are able to pierce the corollas for nectar.