

Starship Scarlet Cardinal Flower



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



***Lobelia speciosa* 'Starship Scarlet'**

- **Use:** The combination of big, wide-open, butterfly-shaped scarlet blooms and near-black stems is electrifying on this compact, free-flowering Lobelia! More tolerant of wind and shade than others, it is a joy for the perennial border and the vase, with a long, late season of bloom. Hummingbird magnet! Cut flower.
- **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. Loves moisture but will tolerate it drier in part shade. This is a vigorous grower that performs best in moderately fertile, but well-drained soils.
- **Growth:** **Grows** 20 to 24 inches high in bloom, it's seldom more than 8 inches wide. Very effective in small gardens and tight spaces!
- **Hardiness:** 5-10 Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Reddish bronze foliage.
- **Flower:** earns its name with the eye-catching shade of red borne on its blooms, but its merits go far beyond beauty. It is a hummingbird magnet, and because it flowers from midsummer into mid-fall in most climates, you get a longer season of winged visitors! Also, it is simply more floriferous than most others, with a columnar habit that packs a lot of color into very little garden space.