

Lobelia siphilitica L.
Great Blue Lobelia

This *Lobelia* isn't nearly as showy as its cardinal flower cousin but it can be impressive none the less. Its natural habitat includes swamps, wet meadows, and other wet places. It does seem to perform best in partial shade. Rising to a height of about three feet this species produces its blue (or at least what we horticulturists call blue) flowers in late summer to early autumn.

Pests seem to be few but for best performance the soil in which it is growing should not be allowed to dry out. Crowding also seems to lead to the lower leaves dropping off.



Yes, this plant was once thought to have specific medicinal value. I'll leave it to you to figure out against which disease.