



Great Blue Lobelia

Lobelia siphilitica

Plant Description – Native, herb/wildflower, deciduous, perennial

Height: 2 – 4 ft **Width/Spread:** 1 – 1.5 ft



Leaves

Shape: Lanceolate

Arrangement: Alternate

Margin: Dentate

Form: Simple

Leaf Description: Green; 2 – 6 inches long; pointed at the tip; 2 inches wide; finely toothed; stem is ridged

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: Blue **Flower Shape:** Tubular **In Bloom:** Jun-Oct

Flower Description: Light to dark blue cluster of flowers on showy inflorescence; tubular flowers with bottom lip having more prominent lobes than the top lip; flowers on un-branched leafy stalks



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds

Seed Type: Fruit – Dry seed pod

Months in Seed: Fall

Fruit and Seed Description: Fruit is small capsule covered by fine ridges; turns reddish brown in the fall; splits open to release many dust-like seeds



Ecological Benefits

Food source for butterflies, caterpillars (Pink-washed looper moth) native bees, and hummingbirds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; cut plant back after flowering in the fall; plant is likely to self-seed; prefers moist to wet soil at all times (*water three times per week*)