




LOBELIA siphilitica

Blue Cardinal Flower, Great Blue Lobelia

Item No.: LG378

Also available as: Normal Seed

Plant Description

Article Type	GOLD NUGGET SEED ®
Life Cycle	Perennial
Family	Campanulaceae
Origin	Eastern North America
Special Features	Erect flowering racemes with blue blooms.
Historical	Genus named in honor of Flemish botanist and physician, Mathias de l'Obel. Species used once for the treatment of syphilis.
Basic Colour	(blue)
Flower Colour	bright blue
Natural Flowering Period	July - September
Flowering	First year flowering
Winter Hardiness Zones	Z3 - Z9
Foliage	lanceolate, slightly toothed
Growth Habit	erect
Height with Flowers	60 cm
Spacing between Plants	45 cm
Soil Requirements	moist / average
Location	
Characteristics	medicinal plant
Usage	suitable for cutting / water or marshplant

Cultivation

Grams per 1000 seeds	0.0362 Gram
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Seeds per Gram	27624 (does not correspond to the number of plants!)
Sowing Rates/Trays	3 - 4 per cell
Plug tray recommended size(s)	128 / 288
Sowing Direction	(15) Rapidly germinating, keep seed in constant moisture (not wet) with temperatures of about +20°C [68°F]. Seeds must be covered thinly. Do not cover very small seeds, but tightly press into the earth. Keep in cooler conditions after germination occurs.

Scheduling

Best Sowing Date	Anytime (northern Hemisphere, Field condition)
Sowing to Germination	3 - 4 weeks
Germination to Transplant	4 - 6 weeks
Transplanting to Potting	6 - 8 weeks

Growing On

Container Size(s)	1 plug per 8/9 cm (3 1/2") / 1-2 plugs per 11/12 cm (4 1/2")
Fertilizer	Medium (150-200 ppm)