

Gertens Plant Info.



Queen Victoria Cardinal Flower

Lobelia 'Queen Victoria'

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Cardinal Flower, Lobelia

Description:

Vigorous; an excellent border plant for most locations, prefers moist soil; brilliant red flower spikes stand tall above stunning burgundy foliage

Ornamental Features

Queen Victoria Cardinal Flower features showy spikes of red flowers rising above the foliage from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive pointy leaves remain burgundy in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Queen Victoria Cardinal Flower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Queen Victoria Cardinal Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Queen Victoria Cardinal Flower
flowers*

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*Queen Victoria Cardinal Flower
foliage*

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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Queen Victoria Cardinal Flower will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

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