

*Lobelia cardinalis*

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The inflorescence is a raceme up to 1.5 feet long.



The bright red, perfect flowers are irregular. The corolla is tubular and spreads out into two lateral lobes, and a three-lobed lip. The gender parts are light colored and protrude from the corolla. The sepals are thin and spiky (arrow).



Fruits are capsules, each containing numerous small seeds. The capsules split open at maturity.



Alternate leaves are sessile near the top of the plants and have petioles on the lower part of the plant; margins are coarsely serrated.



The plant has an upright form and can grow 2 to 4 feet tall.

