

# great blue lobelia

*Lobelia siphilitica*

## FEATURES

The great blue lobelia is a perennial herb. Its upright stem is usually unbranched and contains milky sap. This plant may grow to four feet tall. Its toothed leaves alternate along the stem. Each leaf may be up to five inches long. Flowers are blue, up to one inch long. Fruits are capsules with an opening at the top.

## BEHAVIORS

The great blue lobelia grows in wet soil such as that found in swamps, marshes and fens. This plant flowers from August through September.

## TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae  
Phylum: Magnoliophyta  
Class: Magnoliopsida  
Order: Campanulales  
Family: Campanulaceae

## ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

## ILLINOIS RANGE





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### **Aquatic Habitats**

marshes; swamps; wet prairies and fens

### **Woodland Habitats**

none

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

none