

great blue lobelia *Lobelia siphilitica*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division/Phylum: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Campanulales

Family: Campanulaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS common, native

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.

HABITATS

Aquatic Habitats

marshes; swamps; wet prairies and fens

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none

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