CARDINAL FLOWER  
(Lobelia cardinalis)

Forms clumps of basal leaves. Has alternate, finely toothed, lance-shaped leaves on stalks; terminal spikes of showy, red, five-lobed flowers; and three lower petals and two upper petals. Needs disturbance. Attractive to insects and hummingbirds; long bloom period.

Height: 24 to 48 inches  
Bloom color: Red  
Bloom time: August to September  
Hardiness zones: 3 to 9  
Salt tolerance: Somewhat tolerant  
Spreading habit: Clump-forming; self-seeds

Site Conditions
Sun: Sun/partial shade  
Soil: Humus-rich soil; medium loam, clay loam, limestone-based, sandy, sandy loam, clay  
Hydrologic zones: Wet/moist; inundation tolerant

Sources