Early Springs™ Magenta Lobelia

Lobelia erinus 'Balspringma'



Early Springs Magenta Lobelia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Early Springs Series

Description:

This compact, free-flowering series produces small, dainty flowers that smother small green foliage, creating a full display of color; perfect for patio containers, hanging baskets and garden landscapes; heat and shade tolerant; little to no deadheading

Ornamental Features

Early Springs Magenta Lobelia features dainty fuchsia flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its tiny ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



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Landscape Attributes

Early Springs Magenta Lobelia is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Early Springs Magenta Lobelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Early Springs Magenta Lobelia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Early Springs Magenta Lobelia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.