

*Lobelia erinus*

[Synonyms : *Dortmanna debilis* var. *natalensis*, *Dortmanna erinoides*, *Dortmanna erinus*, *Dortmanna erinus* var. *bellidifolia*, *Dortmanna flexuosa*, *Dortmanna lavandulacea*, *Dortmanna senegalensis*, *Enchysia erinoides*, *Grammatotheca erinoides*, *Laurentia erinoides*, *Lobelia acutangula*, *Lobelia algoensis*, *Lobelia altimontis*, *Lobelia bellidifolia*, *Lobelia benguellensis*, *Lobelia bicolor*, *Lobelia bracteolata*, *Lobelia chilawana*, *Lobelia dortmannii*, *Lobelia erinoides*, *Lobelia erinus* var. *bellidifolia*, *Lobelia erinus* forma *bicolor*, *Lobelia erinus* var. *bracteolata*, *Lobelia erinus* forma *elata*, *Lobelia erinus* var. *gracilis*, *Lobelia erinus* var. *grandiflora*, *Lobelia erinus* var. *schranksii*, *Lobelia erinus* var. *subvillosa*, *Lobelia filiformis* forma *albiflora*, *Lobelia filiformis* var. *filiformis*, *Lobelia filiformis* forma *multipilis*, *Lobelia filiformis* forma *muzandazora*, *Lobelia filiformis* var. *natalensis*, *Lobelia jugosa*, *Lobelia keilhackii*, *Lobelia lavandulacea*, *Lobelia lydenburgensis*, *Lobelia montaguensis*, *Lobelia natalensis*, *Lobelia natalensis* var. *subulifolia*, *Lobelia nuda*, *Lobelia nuda* forma *hirtella*, *Lobelia nuda* var. *rosulata*, *Lobelia nuzana*, *Lobelia oranjensis*, *Lobelia pendula*, *Lobelia polyodon*, *Lobelia procumbens*, *Lobelia pubescens* var. *simplex*, *Lobelia raridentata*, *Lobelia rosulata*, *Lobelia rosulata* forma *hirtella*, *Lobelia schranksii*, *Lobelia senegalensis*, *Lobelia senegalensis* var. *senegalensis*, *Lobelia senegalensis* var. *turgida*, *Lobelia speciosum*, *Lobelia transvaalensis*, *Lobelia trierachii*, *Lobelia turgida*, *Lobelia turgida* var. *peteri*, *Lobelia wildii*, *Lobelia wildii* var. *arcana*, *Monopsis debilis* var. *conspicua*, *Monopsis simplex* var. *conspicua*, *Rapuntium acutangulum*, *Rapuntium bellidifolium*, *Rapuntium bicolor*, *Rapuntium erinoides*, *Rapuntium erinus*, *Rapuntium kohautianum*, *Rapuntium krebsianum*, *Rapuntium procumbens*]

**EDGING LOBELIA** is an annual or perennial. Native to South Africa, it has small whitish- or yellowish-throated, blue flowers.

It is also known as Bedding lobelia, Bellflower, Blue lobelia, Fountains lobelia, Garden lobelia, *Hänglobelia* (Swedish), *Kantlobelia* (Swedish), *Kaplobelia* (Swedish), *Lobelia*, *Lobelka drobná* (Czech, Slovak), *Lobelka modrá* (Czech), *Sinilobelia* (Finnish), and Trailing lobelia.

Warning – SEE *Lobelia* GENUS entry.

Edging lobelia is especially attractive to butterflies.

This is a parent of cultivated varieties.

*Erinus* is a genus name *Erinus* and means ‘like plants in that genus’.

Authorities believe that edging lobelia entered Britain in about 1782 (some authorities say about 1775). Since that time it has been popular, initially as a low bedding plant, but in more recent times it has featured as an element in hanging baskets or window boxes.