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ROBED IN RED! With the spring wildflower season long behind us, a summer favorite will soon be in full bloom. The Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), named after the attire of Roman Catholic cardinals, gives a fresh look to marshes, swampy forests, wooded lake and stream margins, and other wet habitats. From late summer into the fall, nature lovers can enjoy the bright array of this scarlet beauty that stands up to 6' tall. With nesting complete and migration approaching, increasingly active hummingbirds serve as the primary pollinators, favoring the nectar in the long tubular flowers where most insects cannot reach.



**Belinda Moser** my fave color. pretty!

at 19:05:16 on 8/14/2012 UTC



**Tony Castelli** I liked it better before I knew it was named after the attire of a Roman Catholic Cardinal

at 19:13:53 on 8/14/2012 UTC



**Colleen Carey** I didn't know it grew here!

at 19:15:11 on 8/14/2012 UTC



**Martha E. Mullinax** beautiful

at 20:57:54 on 8/14/2012 UTC



**Marc Smith** all over congaree....you can see them off of the lower boardwalk  
at 21:20:35 on 8/14/2012 UTC



**Joyce Bugg** Beautiful!  
at 20:57:43 on 8/18/2012 UTC