

Delphinium cardinale

Scarlet Larkspur



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PERENNIAL - deciduous

Basal leaves to 2' high, flowers to 6' tall.

Basal leaves with multiple lobes form attractive groundcover in late spring to early summer.

Flowers are very striking with multiple blossoms along the stalk; late spring into summer.

Native habitat: Chaparral, usually on slopes; 500' to 5000' - Southern Ranges, Southwest California and Baja California.

Full sun to part shade.

Best in rocky or sandy soil, but will tolerate richer soils.

Must be allowed to go dormant in summer (dry).

Very striking mixed with low shrubs. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

