

Photos: Missouri Botanical Garden

Columbine

Aquilegia canadensis

Light: Full Sun, Partial Shade

Soil: Sand, Loam

Moisture: Dry, Medium

Benefits: Pollinators, Hummingbirds, Deer Resistant,

Host Plant

Height: 1'-3'

Blooms: May, Jun

Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Color: Yellow, Red

Spacing: 1'

Root: Fibrous

Also known as Red Columbine and American Columbine, the plants are easy to grow in a wide range of soils as long as drainage is good with a preference for light to moderate shade. Self-seeding provides for large colonies in optimum growing conditions.

The flowers are very attractive to hummingbirds. Columbine is an excellent garden plant and works well in rock gardens, open shade gardens, woodland gardens, and naturalized areas. This species, in particular, has very good resistance to leaf miner.