



# COLUMBINE

*Aquilegia canadensis*

**A beautiful woodland native with nodding red and yellow spurred flowers.  
Attracts hummingbirds.**

## Growing Information

Sunlight	Full sun to part shade
Soil Type	Broad range, as long as the drainage is good
Height	2–3'
Deer resistant	
Flowering calendar	May to June

## Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes
Flowers	Attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and hawk moths
Fruit	No
Seeds	No

### Host to 9 caterpillar species:

(common names) Pink-Patched Looper Moth; Columbine Borer; Mayapple Borer; American Bordered Sallow; Four-Barred Gray; Tobacco Budworm Moth; Purple-Lined Sallow; Mouse-Colored Pyrophila; Small Engrailed

## Benefits for People

- Good for cut flowers
- The name “Aquilegia” means eagle in Latin and refers to the nectar spurs that resemble eagle talons
- Shake seed pods when ripe to encourage reseeding

## Natural Habitat

- Rocky woods and ledges

