

Aquilegia-Columbine

Columbines are spring-blooming perennials, attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies and easy to grow. Five spurred petals sitting above 5 petal-like sepals form blossom colors ranging from blue and white to yellow, red or pink. The foliage of the columbine provides year round interest. Aquilegia have upright and bushy growth habit; height ranges from 1-3'.

Growing Requirements

Columbine have thick tap-roots which allow for medium to light watering once established. They do well in poor to average, but well-drained soil. Partial shade is preferred but full sun is tolerated with slightly more watering.

Planting

Dig a hole as deep as the pot and 3 times as wide and loosen the roots if pot bound. Keep well -watered. Prune after bloom for a 2nd bloom later.

Care

Aquilegia is an avid self-sower; deadhead after bloom to prevent self-seeding. Not all will be true to form. Prune foliage back in the early spring before new growth appears. Columbines can die off after a few years.

Pests

Columbines are susceptible to leaf-miners. You'll notice marks in the leaves if your plant is affected. Remove and discard the affected foliage (not in the compost pile) to prevent spreading. They are deer-resistant.

Dividing/Propagating

Aquilegia can be grown from seed but plants may take a couple of years to bloom that way. Cross-pollination will produce flowers untrue to the parents so if you want a certain cultivar, purchase already established plants.

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