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Aquilegia canadensis

Wild Columbine



A spring-bloomer with striking red and yellow flowers that dangle from tall stems. Grows in a variety of soil and light conditions. A good cut flower and attractive to humming birds. Reseeds readily. Can be grown in rock gardens, meadows or woodland gardens with dappled light.

Suggested Companions: Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*), bottle-brush grass (*Hystrix patula*), flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), hop-hornbeam (*Ostrya virginia*), hickories (*Carya* sp.), white oak (*Quercus alba*)

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Plant Type: Wildflower
Size: 1-3' H
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Forested Upland

Soil: Sandy/ Gravelly
Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist

Exposure: filtered
shade

Flower Color:

Orange
Red
Yellow

Plant in:

Groundcover: Yes

Bloom Time:

May

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Butterfly attracting