



Eastern Red Columbine

Aquilegia canadensis

Plant Description – native, herb/wildflower, semi-evergreen, perennial

Height: 2 -3 ft **Width/Spread:** 1 – 1.5 ft



Leaves

Shape: obovate

Arrangement: alternate

Margin: lobed

Form: Compound

Leaf Description: green to blue-green; leaves at the base of the plant are petiolate (have a stalk) and are twice ternately (with leaflets in three's) compound; leaflets are 3-lobed at the tips; leaves along the upper part of the stem do not have stalks (sessile) and are reduced in size



Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: red, yellow, pink

In Bloom: Feb - July

Flower Shape: campanulate (bell-shaped)

Flower(s) Description: drooping flowers 2 inches long with 5 upward spurred, tubular petals alternating with 5 small, colored, petal-like sepals and colored stamens hanging below the petals; petals are yellow and become redder at the tip of the spur



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds & Rhizomes

Seed Type: Dry seed pod

Seed Season: Summer

Fruit and Seed Description: flowers are followed by 5 pod-shaped, tan follicles (dry seed pod) with long beaks that contain several, small, shiny black seeds



Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Native Bees, Other Pollinators, Hummingbirds, and Other Birds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; does not bloom during first growing season; prefers average watering (*water two times per week during the summer and once per week during the rest of the year*)