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A series of horticulture insights

Did you know?

The genus name *Aquilegia* comes from the Latin *aquila* ("eagle"), referring to the flower's nectar spurs, which resemble an eagle's talons.

Overview

- An erect, branching perennial that typically grows 2 to 3 feet tall.
- Features distinctive nodding, bell-like flowers with red sepals, yellow petals and backward-pointing nectar spurs.
- Blooms from spring into early summer, generally February through July depending on location.
- Leaves are blue-green and divided into rounded leaflets grouped in threes.

Production

Freely self-seeds and can naturalize into large colonies in favorable conditions.

Makes an excellent addition to woodland and pollinator gardens.

Grows best in part shade to light sun and prefers well-drained soils.

Wild Columbine

Kingdom: *Plantae*

Order: *Ranunculales*

Family: *Ranunculaceae*

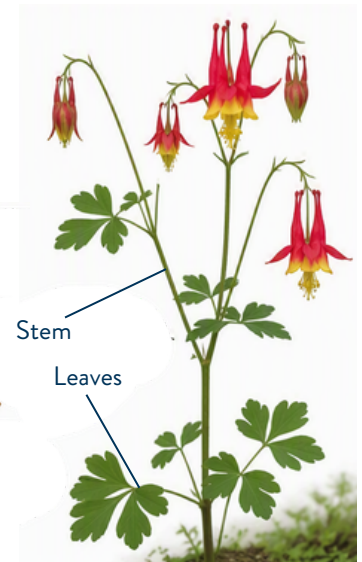
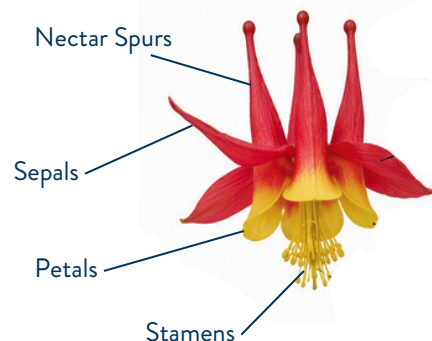
Genus: *Aquilegia*



History

- Native Americans reportedly used crushed seeds as a traditional love charm.
- Wild Columbine is native to eastern North America and naturally occurs across much of the United States and southern Canada.

Anatomy



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