

Botanical Name: Aquilegia species

Common Name: Columbine

Type of Plant: Perennial Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, clumping plant with an airy, lacy look --

flowers held above with long, rear-projecting spurs

Height 1-3' Spread 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors half-shade to full sun

Soil Prefers well-drained soils; tolerates sandy/rocky soils

Hardiness hardy -- all zones

Morphology:

Leaves 2-3 ternate, blue-green -- leaflets fan-shaped, to 3/4"

long and wide; has a delicate, ferny appearance

Flowers showy trumpet shaped flowers in pastel shades -- usually

with long, projecting spurs

Fruit follicle, woody to 1/2" long

Propagation: seed -- resows readily

Usage: good in rock gardens, borders, woodsy landscapes -- very

dramatic in mass plantings, good foliage even when out of flower; looks

best in informal groupings

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering -- try to keep off foliage in

shady areas

Fertilizing slow-release at planting

Pruning cut back stems to get second crop of flowers

Pests/Diseases powdery mildew, aphids, spider mites

Special Conditions replace every 2-3 years

Origin: N Amer/Asia Family: Ranunculaceae