Aquilegia canadensis

Eastern Red Columbine

One of the first plants to provide nectar in the spring, the intricate red and yellow bell-like flowers attract a variety of pollinators. The deep nectaries are perfectly shaped for hummingbirds and long-tongued insects.

### Characteristics
- **Height:** ½–3 feet
- **Spread:** 1–1½ feet
- **Bloom time:** April-July
- **Bloom color:** Red and yellow

### Attributes
- Erect, branching, herbaceous perennial
- Compound green to blue-green leaves with round lobes in groups of three
- Nodding, 1-2 inch flowers sport red sepals, red spurs, with yellow petals and hanging stamens
- Attracts hummingbirds, bees, butterflies, and moths
- Larval host plant of the Columbine Duskywing

### Growing and Maintenance
- **Soil requirements:** Well-drained
- **Light requirements:** Sun, part shade
- **Water requirements:** Dry, moist
- Tolerates dry soil, drought, rabbits, and deer
- Self-seeds readily to form large colonies; small black seeds are easy to collect and replant; popular in borders, shade gardens, rock gardens, hummingbird gardens, or naturalized areas

### Native Range
- Red Columbine is native to eastern and central North America
- Habitats include rocky open woodlands, wooded slopes, sandy savannas, thinly wooded bluffs, partially shaded areas of cliffs, limestone glades, fens and bogs, and openings in logged woodlands

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