



# Eastern Red Columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*



**Flowering Period:** May-July

**Height:** 1-3'

**Bloom Characteristics:** 5-parted, red sepals, yellow filaments

**Growth Preference:** tolerant of wet and rocky conditions, prefers moderately drained sandy soil, full sun to part shade, good for rain gardens!

Red Columbine blooms early in the season and provides an important nectar source for hummingbirds as they return north after migration. Towards the lower end of its range red columbine is pollinated almost entirely by hummingbirds, while primary pollinators towards the north are bees. Long tongue bumble bees and hummingbirds are required for pollination due to the length of the nectar spurs.

**Larval Host Plant For:** Columbine Duskywing Butterfly *Erynnis*, Columbine Borer Moth *Papaipema Lecostigma*

**Common Visitors:**

Birds- Ruby Throated Hummingbird

Moths- Hawk Moths

Bees- sweat bees, bumble bees

