

## Columbine



**The Columbine plant (*Aquilegia* sp) is a perennial and blooms in a variety of colours during spring. The bell shaped flowers are also a favourite to wildlife and may be used in cut-flower arrangements.**

**Columbine can grow in any soil as long as it is well drained. They do not like very hot conditions especially in the summer. In warmer areas, grow them in partial shade. Columbine will easily grow from seed and will readily multiply once established.**

**Weekly watering is necessary and provide fertiliser monthly. By providing fertiliser, this will produce brighter blooms and thicker foliage. Regular deheading will also benefit the performance of additional blooming. Pruning columbine plants back to the foliage just after blooming can help with any pest issues.**

**Sowing Time: Early Spring/Mid Summer**

**Sowing Depth: Sow evenly with a thin covering of 1/4 inch of soil**

**Seedlings will emerge 22-30 days later.**

