PLANT FACT SHEET

Aquilegia canadensis L.

GENUS *Aquilegia* **FAMILY** Ranunculaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild columbine, Canada columbine, Fairy flower, Meeting houses, Rock bells

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Root, Vegetable

CAUTION: This plant is recorded as poisonous.
The roots are cooked and eaten as a vegetable. They can also be sliced and fried.
They can be dried and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A fine stemmed herb. It grows 60-90 cm high and spreads 30-35 cm wide. It grows from a thick rhizome or underground stem. The leaves are compound and divided into small segments. The flower stems are wiry. The flowers are lemon-yellow with red spurs. They are 3-5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is frost hardy. It does best in rocky or woody conditions. It suits hardiness zones 2-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or by division of the roots. The seedlings are easy to transplant.

NOTES

There are about 70 Aquilegia species.

PICTURES



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