Clematis-Flowered Columbine

Aquilegia vulgaris 'Clementine Salmon Rose'



Clematis-Flowered Columbine flowers
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Granny's Bonnet, Crowfoot

Description:

A unique variation of Colombine, featuring fluffy double flowers that resemble a small Clematis bloom, held up facing on stems, well above the lacy green foliage mound; flowers will range from dusty rose to salmon; seedlings may not resemble mother plant

Ornamental Features

Clematis-Flowered Columbine features showy double salmon bell-shaped flowers with rose tips rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive creamy white flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its lobed compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



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Landscape Attributes

Clematis-Flowered Columbine is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Clematis-Flowered Columbine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Clematis-Flowered Columbine will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Clematis-Flowered Columbine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.