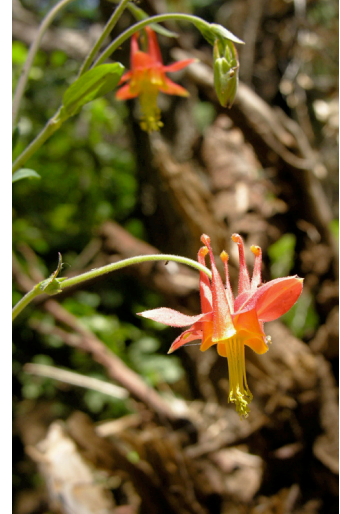


# *Aquilegia formosa*

## California Columbine



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HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL (overwinters as a basal leaf cluster)  
2 - 3' high, 2' across.  
Small blue-green leaves.  
Flowers red-orange with yellow center, spurs - June to August.

Native habitat: moist places in chaparral, oak woodland, mixed-evergreen or coniferous forest, below 9000' from Alaska to Baja California and Montana.

Light shade to shade. Frost resistant.  
Best in peat-moss amended soil with acidic leaf-mold mulch.  
Regular water (4x/month) with moist soil. Good drainage.

Easy to grow. Good in shady borders and as understory with ferns. Blooms abundantly with summer water. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

