Anna’s hummingbirds are the most common species of hummingbirds on the West Coast. They have greatly increased their range since the 1930s, coinciding with the increase in ornamental flowering plants. In the Puget Sound region, these hummingbirds can be seen year-round in backyards and gardens, especially where there are hummingbird feeders.
Western Columbine

The intricate, nodding, red and yellow flowers of the Western columbine stand on stalks anywhere from 6–24 inches high. This plant grows happily in the moist soil and partial shade of forests, woodlands, alpine and subalpine meadows. Its nectar is very popular with hummingbirds who, along with bumblebees, are its chief pollinators.

Columbines hybridize freely. If you have multiple species in your garden, any seedlings are likely to be hybrids and the flower colors will vary. Also, all columbines, including the Western species, maintain their populations easily by self-seeding.