



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Arizona Columbine

Aquilegia desertorum (triternata)

DESCRIPTION: This beautiful plant is a denizen of moist and wet canyons of central and northern Arizona and can form hanging gardens around seeps and drainages. Its bright orange-yellow flowers are a favorite of hummingbirds. Blooms throughout the spring and summer.

RECOMMENDED USE: Mixed containers or as accent near ponds or water features.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to 15°



Sun tolerance: Morning sun to full shade.



Watering and feeding: : High water use. Feed 2-3 times a year with a complete fertilizer.



Growing conditions: Golden Columbine is a moderate to high water user, especially in brighter locations. Good for shady, moist sites as long as the soil drains (sandy to loamy soil). Plant on margins of stream or pond or higher on the banks (see the Aquatic Plants information page; microhabitats #1 and #2). Fertilize twice yearly if not too close to water.



Pruning: Pruning is usually limited to dead-heading old flower spikes and occasional dead leaves.