



## Swan Pink and Yellow Columbine

*Aquilegia caerulea* 'Swan Pink and Yellow'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Wild Columbine, Granny's Bonnet

### Description:

A stunning colour breakthrough in the large-flowered Swan series, this variety has soft outer coral petals with creamy tips blending harmoniously with pastel yellow inner petals; very showy and great for cutting

### Ornamental Features

Swan Pink and Yellow Columbine features bold nodding coral-pink bell-shaped flowers with yellow overtones, yellow eyes and creamy white tips at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy compound leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes

Swan Pink and Yellow 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

Swan Pink and Yellow Columbine is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Swan Pink and Yellow Columbine flowers*

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

## **Planting & Growing**

Swan Pink and Yellow Columbine will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 6 years.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full 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.

Swan Pink and Yellow Columbine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our store for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.