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## Eastern Columbine

## *Aquilegia canadensis*

- 1-2 ft tall, native: NJ, US east coast, perennial/winter dormant
- Yellow and red bell-shaped flowers in spring
- Prefers well-drained, dry to moist soil, sun to shade
- Early nectar source for hummingbirds and other pollinators
- Food plant for 12 species of butterfly and moth caterpillars
- Tolerates poor soil, heat and drought, semi-evergreen
- Self-seeds readily, but not aggressively
- Easy to grow and propagate from seed
- Collect ripe seeds when seed capsules turn dry and papery
- Store seeds cold and dry to maintain dormancy until needed
- Seeds need light to germinate, press seeds into soil surface
- Treat seeds 6 weeks moist at 40°F to break dormancy
- Move to 70°F to germinate; avoid fertilizing the seedlings