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Dwarf Columbine

Aquilegia flabellata 'Nana'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Japanese Fan Columbine

Ornamental Features

The Dwarf Columbine has nodding lilac purple bell-shaped flowers with white overtones, yellow eyes and purple spurs at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early summer, which are interesting on close inspection. Its attractive lobed compound leaves remain teal in colour throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

The Dwarf Columbine is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. 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

The Dwarf Columbine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Dwarf Columbine flowers
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Planting & Growing

The Dwarf Columbine will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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.

The Dwarf Columbine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. 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.