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### **Biedermeier Mix Columbine**

*Aquilegia 'Biedermeier Red And White'*

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Granny's Bonnet, Crowfoot

Group/Class: Biedermeier Series

#### **Description:**

Dainty, nodding, bell-shaped, soft red and white flowers on a many-branched plant; makes a welcome addition to shade and woodland gardens

#### **Ornamental Features**

Biedermeier Mix Columbine is smothered in stunning nodding red bell-shaped flowers with white overtones at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its lobed compound leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Biedermeier Mix 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

Biedermeier Mix 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



*Biedermeier Mix Columbine flowers*  
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### Planting & Growing

Biedermeier Mix Columbine will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 10 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 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Biedermeier Mix 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.

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