

Columbine, Texas Gold - *Aquilegia chrysantha* var. *hinckleyana*

Other Common Names: Hinckley's Golden Columbine, Capote Columbine, Yellow Columbine



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TEXAS GOLD or YELLOW COLUMBINE

Aquilegia chrysantha hinckleyana

🇹🇽 **Native TX Superstar Perennial** 🦋 **Pollinator Friendly**



Part Shade/Shade **Water:** Medium, moist soil

No water in summer since dormant

2-3' Tall / Wide **Color:** Yellow, Clover-Like Foliage

Blooms: Early- to mid-spring

Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener

General Information

Rare native growing at one waterfall in Presidio County, Far West Texas but now common in nurseries as a Texas Superstar® plant. Adds color to a shady area. A mass planting provides a spectacular Spring show of yellow.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 7-9

Size: 1-3 ft. w x 1-3 ft. h

Flowers: Large yellow, spurred, unusual

Bloom Time: Late Winter, Spring

Leaves: Bluish-green, scalloped edges, delicate

Growth Habit/Shape: Rounded, neat

Dormancy: May die back during Summer heat

Soil Requirements: Lots of organic matter; Keep moist but well-drained; if have clay soil, grow in raised beds

Propagation: Self-seeding, short lived perennial.

Division done when dormant, every 2 years

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor

Pests and Diseases

Spider mites and leaf miners during Summer heat

Plant Care

Does well under deciduous trees where shaded in Summer but receives some sunlight during Winter growing months. Needs 1" of water every 7-10 days so soil stays moist but not sodden. Apply a slow-release, high nitrogen fertilizer in Oct/Dec/Feb. Cut off dead leaves and will resprout when temperatures cool.

Notes

Easily hybridizes with other columbines

Sources for Additional Information

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=AQCHH

Texas Superstar® Plants

<https://texassuperstar.com/texas-gold-columbine/>