

Columbine, Texas Gold *Aquilegia chrysantha hinckleyana*

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

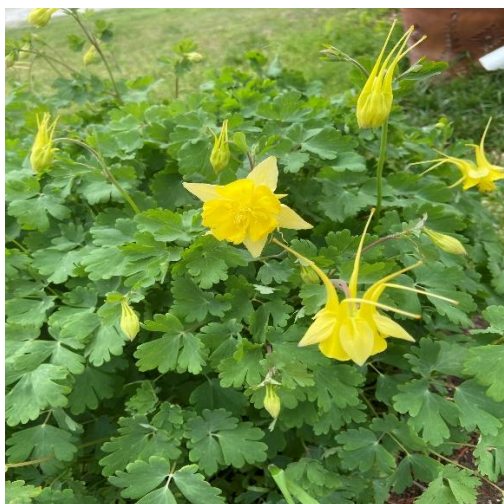


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TEXAS GOLD or YELLOW COLUMBINE

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

This columbine is a Texas native from the Big Bend region and a Texas Superstar plant. It has large yellow blooms and great heat tolerance. This cool season perennial can add a blast of color to a shady area in the garden. The neat, rounded growth habit will work well in a formal landscape, or a mass planting will provide a spectacular spring show.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 7-9

Heat Tolerance: High

Size: 1-3 feet tall by 1-3 feet wide

Flowers: White to rich golden yellow

Bloom time: Spring, winter

Leaves: Bluish gray-green, with scalloped edges

Pests and Disease Problems

Spider mites and/or leaf miners may attack foliage during the heat of summer; if so, prune the plant to just above the crown. The plant will leaf out again in the fall when daytime temperatures cool down.

Plant Care

Plant in an area that has excellent drainage and rich soil (lots of organic matter). For clay soils, create a raised bed to avoid the roots sitting in a pool of water. This columbine will do well under a deciduous tree where it will be shaded in the heat of summer but receives some sunlight during the winter growing months. Texas Gold will do well if receives one inch of water (from irrigation or rain) every 7 to 10 days so the soil stays moist. Apply a slow-release, high nitrogen fertilizer in October, December, and February. Cut back dead growth. The Columbine will come back in the spring and can be propagated through division every couple of years.

Warning

None

Sources for Additional Information

TAMU Earth-Kind Landscaping. [Hinckley's Columbine](#)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. [Aquilegia chrysantha var. hinckleyana](#)

Texas Superstar. [Texas Gold Columbine](#)