

Plant Name: *Aquilegia skinneri columbine* 'Tequila Sunrise'
Common Name: Granny's bonnet

Plant Type: Herbaceous Perennial
Colour: Orange-red; Yellow
Height: 45-60cm
Spread: 45-60cm

Flowering Time: Flowers from Apr to Aug



Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)

Cultivar: Tequila Sunrise

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

A rare and very old strain of *Aquilegia* dating back to the 1800's. A beautiful plant with lovely fern-like foliage and a seemingly inexhaustible supply of stems with long-spurred flowers in a most unusual shade of bright orange-red tinged with yellow. Will flower all summer and into early autumn- quite rare for *Aquilegia*. Seed scarce.

Hardy Perennial
Flowers: Summer to autumn
Height: 45-60cm
Position: Sun
Caution: Harmful if eaten

Family: Ranunculaceae (ra-nun-kew-LAY-see-ee)
Genus: *Aquilegia* (a-kwi-LEE-jee-a)
Species: *skinneri* (SKIN-ner-ee)
Cultivar: Tequila Sunrise

Category:
Alpines and Rock Gardens
Perennials

Height:
18-24 in. (45-60 cm)

Spacing:
18-24 in. (45-60 cm)

Sun Exposure:
Light Shade

Danger:
All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested

Bloom Color: Red Bright Yellow

Bloom Time: Mid Spring Late Spring/Early Summer

Foliage: Herbaceous Blue-Green

Other details:

This plant is attractive to bees, butterflies and/or birds

Average Water Needs; Water regularly; do not overwater

Self-sows freely; deadhead if you do not want volunteer seedlings next season

Propagation Methods:

From seed; direct sow outdoors in fall

From seed; stratify if sowing indoors

Aquilegia is regarded as dangerous, in particular the seeds and roots. However, their acrid flavor generally helps to avoid poisonings.

The flowers of various species of Aquilegia were noted as historically being consumed with other fresh greens, and are reported to be very sweet, and safe if consumed in small quantities. The plant's seeds and roots are highly poisonous however, and contain cardiogenic toxins which cause both severe gastroenteritis and heart palpitations if consumed as food. However, this plant is better avoided due to its high toxicity; columbine poisonings may be fatal.

Botanical Name: Aquilegia skinneri

Other names: Granny's bonnet

Genus: Aquilegia

Variety or Cultivar: 'Tequila Sunrise' ~ 'Tequila Sunrise' is a clump-forming, herbaceous perennial with divided basal leaves. In spring and summer, it bears nodding, orange-red and yellow flowers on upright branched stems

Cultivation: Grow in fertile, moist but well-drained, soil. Likes full sun or partial shade.

Suggested uses: Beds and borders, City, Cottage/Informal, Low Maintenance, Underplanting, Woodland

Soil types: Chalky, Clay, Loamy, Sandy (will tolerate most soil types)

Soil drainage: Moist but well-drained, Well-drained

Soil pH: Acid, Alkaline, Neutral

Light: Partial Shade, Full Sun

Aspect: North, South, East, West

Exposure: Exposed or Sheltered

Hardiness: Hardy (H4)

Specific pest(s): Aphids, Leaf-mining sawflies, Caterpillars

Specific diseases(s): Powdery mildew

Pruning: Cut back stems after flowering. Cut down leaves in autumn, or earlier if affected by fungal diseases.

Propagation method(s): Division, Seed

Skill rating: Beginner

Maintenance hours / year: 1

Aquilegia skinneri 'Tequila Sunrise' is: Deciduous

Flower: Orange-red; Yellow

Foliage: Green in Spring; Green in Summer

Habit: Clump-forming, Upright

Ultimate height (m): 0.4

Ultimate spread (m): 0.4

Time to maturity: 2-5 years