



Colorado Columbine

Colorado Columbine (*Aquilegia caerulea*) is a flower native to the Rocky Mountains from Montana south to New Mexico and west to Idaho and Arizona. The genus name *Aquila* means "Eagle" and refers to the claw-like spurs at the base of the flower. The common name "columbine" comes from the latin for "dove", when the flower is suspended upside-down the lower petals resemble five doves clustered together.

The Colorado Columbine usually blooms in a variety of pastel shades of blue, violet and white. It also has a rich aroma that attract a variety of birds, butterflies and bees.