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## **Columbine**

Today on Gardening in a Minute: columbine.

Columbine is a beautiful wildflower that can be found growing in nearly every state, though the exact species will vary.

Each spring, columbine produces delicate, nodding flowers that look almost like a pointed crown. The flowers can be blue, purple, pink, white, or red.

Here in Florida, our native red columbine grows naturally in just three counties in the panhandle, mainly in rocky woodland areas.

If you live in North Florida, why not try growing this lovely plant in your own garden? It's easy to start the native red variety from seed, and it will reward you later by attracting hummingbirds.

Or purchase one of the improved hybrids available at garden centers. These are often showier than the native variety and can spice up a spring container garden.

For more information about columbine and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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