

Aquilegia Songbird F₁ Series

(*Aquilegia x hybrida*)

Perennials Culture (revised 08/30/19)

Plug crop time: 6 to 8 weeks

Transplant to finish: 22 to 28 weeks

- Popular series is easy and economical to grow – with true, non-fading colours in late Spring and early Summer.
- Well-adapted for 6-in./15-cm pot and garden use.
- Can be flowered in Spring from an Autumn sowing when grown in a cool greenhouse (night temperatures lower than 60°F/16°C) with no special vernalisation treatment required.
- Free-flowering, medium-compact plants have 1.5 to 3.5-in./4 to 9-cm blooms.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Partial Sun	Spring, Late Spring, Summer	11-18 in. (28-46 cm)	10-14 in. (25-36 cm)	10-16 in. (25-41 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days to Germinate	Initial Media pH/EC	Cover Seed
RAW	288	1	6-8	10-14	5.8-6.4 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 2-3	Level 2
Temperature	70-75°F (21-24°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)	60-65°F (16-18°C)
Light	Light	2,500 f.c. (26,900 Lux)	2,500 f.c. (26,900 Lux)	5,000 f.c. (53,800 Lux)
Fertilizer	Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC	Less than 100 ppm N - Less than 0.7 EC	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC	100 to 175 ppm N - 0.7 to 1.2 EC

Vernalization

Yes - but vernalization temperature can go as high as 55°F (13°C) nights and 60°F (15°C) days; duration of 4 weeks at 41°F (5°C) or 6 weeks at 55°F (13°C); start cool treatment after 12 to 15-leaf stage

Juvenility

Start cool treatment after 12 to 15-leaf stage

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC	Fertilizer	Daylength
(day) 60-68°F (16-20°C) (night) 55-64°F (13-18°C)	5.8-6.2 pH 1.0-1.5 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N - 1.2 to 1.5 EC	Day Neutral

Daylength Notation

Aquilegia is a day-neutral plant after vernalization. Long days of 14 hours or longer could stimulate stem elongation and slightly hasten flowering after the vernalization period.

Crop Scheduling

Crop Type	Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
Annual	5"/6"/1 Gallon	1 (ppp)	22-28 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide/ancymidol tank mix 2,500/10 ppm Spray
Overwinter	5"/6"/1 Gallon	1 (ppp)	32-38 (weeks)	Autumn	daminozide/ancymidol tank mix 2,500/10 ppm Spray

Common Problems

Monitor for Powdery Mildew, Sclerotinia, Aphids, Leaf Miner, Sciara and Spider Mites.

Bulking Strategy

Vernalization temperature can go as high as 55°F (13°C) at night and 60°F (15°C) at day; duration of 4 weeks at 41°F (5°C) or 6 weeks at 55°F (13°C); start cool treatment after 12-15 leaf stage.

Finishing Key Tips

Requires night temperatures below 55°F (13°C) to initiate flower buds.

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Variety Pictures



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Cardinal



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Robin



Mixture

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