



Cooper Marsh Nursery & Wildlife Garden

June 14, 2017

Getting Ready to Start Potting

Volunteers assembled two plant cribs in preparation for native seed collection and germination. Thanks to Cooper Marsh Conservators, Abbie Maclean, Martintown and Cornwall Horticultural Societies for their donations towards materials! A non-toxic wood preservative (Eco Wood Treatment) was obtained and will be used to finish off each of them. In addition, several species of shrubs and trees were planted including Pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*), Red oak (*Quercus rubra*), Bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*) and Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*). At the next workshop scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 22nd, the plan is to finish off the plant cribs and pot up some Canada columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*) seeds.



Canada Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

The Canada or Wild Columbine attracts hummingbirds, bees and butterflies but are avoided by rabbits and deer no doubt due to its toxicity. Be careful as contact with the sap may irritate the skin. Its flower is red which isn't too common amongst our native species. It could be an attractive addition to the Wildlife Garden amongst the False Solomon Seals and Foamflowers.



Upcoming: 10:00 a.m., Thursday June 22nd, Philip Fry conducts the fourth "Working with Wildflowers" Seminar at the Cooper Marsh Visitors Centre .