

Red Flowering Currant

Ribes sanguineum



General Information

- Sun Exposure: Part shade
- Water Needs: Low
- Cold Tolerance: 5 degrees Fahrenheit
- Flowering Time: Spring, winter

Planting Guide

- Propagating: Use a 20 cm softwood cutting to propagate in March
- Growing from seed: Seeds require 3.5-5 months of stratification. Sow seeds directly into the garden or coldframe in the fall
- Location: Dry, open areas
- Soil Description: Tolerates a variety of well-draining loam and clay soils. Soil pH 5.5-7.0
- Initial Watering: Keep soil moist for the first few weeks

Care Guide

- Irrigation: Irrigate 1" three times a month from October to April. Irrigate 1" one to two times a month from May to September.

- Pruning:
 - In the first year, only prune an inch off the tip of all the branches
 - In subsequent years, cut the branches that held flowers back to 2/3rd height after the blooming
 - Cut the branches that did not hold flowers to about half
- Fertilizer: Not required

Additional Notes

- Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers
- Other birds are attracted to the fruit
- It is a host plant to several butterfly species
- Berries are edible, but not palatable
- Prone to powdery mildew and aphids

Sources:

- [https://calscape.org/Ribes-sanguineum-\(Red-Flowering-Currant\)](https://calscape.org/Ribes-sanguineum-(Red-Flowering-Currant))
- <https://www.nature-and-garden.com/gardening/flowering-currant.html>
- <https://inlandvalleygardenplanner.org/plants/ribes-sanguineum-var-glutinosum-spring-showers/>
- <http://nativeplantspnw.com/red-flowering-currant-ribes-sanguineum/>