



Hellebore List

Hellebores were represented for many years primarily by two species, the Christmas Rose (*Helleborus niger*) and the Lenten Rose (*Helleborus orientalis*). Now growers offer multiple varieties with unique foliage, a wider range of bloom times, and a huge range of colors. Many hellebores are available as tissue-cultured clones; others are grown from seed and will show more variability in flower color and form. Bloom times below are approximate and can vary from garden to garden and from year to year, but the bloom order will remain generally the same. See Sky's *Hellebore Care* sheet for planting and care instructions.

December	January	February	March	April
Winter Ballet Series (bloom starts Nov.)				
Jacob				
Most "Christmas Rose", <i>H. niger</i>				
Cinnamon Snow				
Ice Breaker Rosy				
Ice N Roses® Series				
Frostkiss® Series				
Snow Fever				
Camelot				
Honeyhill Joy				
Mahogany Snow				
Shooting Star				
<i>H. argutifolius</i>				
<i>H. foetidus</i>				
Champion				
Ivory Prince				
Merlin				
Pink Frost				
most <i>H. orientalis</i> , including:				
Honeymoon, North Star,				
Spring Promise, Wedding Party, &				
Winter Jewels Series				

HELLEBORE VARIETY DESCRIPTIONS (BY BOTANICAL NAME)

H. ARGUTIFOLIUS

H. argutifolius (sometimes called *H. corsicus*) blooms mid-January through late March. Flowers are apple-green and cup-shaped, growing in pendant clusters. Foliage is marbled, gray-green, and toothed. It is the largest of the hellebores, normally growing 24-48" tall by 24" wide. This hellebore tolerates more sun than most others. Varieties include:

Crystal Leaf Very dwarf; flowers white aging pink; foliage green overlaid with silver; red stems. Also called 'Silver Veil'

Snow Fever Flowers cream blushed green; foliage green veined purple, speckled with white

H. X AWESOME®

H. x Awesome® is a series of Christmas rose hybrids bred for prolific, large, and outward-facing blooms and for plant vigor.

Heavenly Flowers are bright white and single with a prominent golden center

H. X BALLARDIAE

H. x ballardiae is a cross between H. lividus and H. niger. It typically blooms mid-January through late March. Single flowers face outward and change colors over time; foliage is dark green with a serrated edge, often with colored veins or stems. It grows 12-18" tall by 24" wide. Varieties include:

Camelot Flowers emerge cream blushed rose, aging to deep pink & apricot; foliage is dark green with a silver sheen; red stems

Cinnamon Snow Early (bloom starts mid-December); flowers large, cream with rose and cinnamon accents; burgundy stems

Mahogany Snow Flowers large, cream with rose reverse, aging to mahogany; reddish stems

Merlin Late (February); compact plants; light pink flowers aging to burgundy; plum stems

Pink Frost Late (February); white buds, pink blooms aging to wine red; red stems and veins

H. X ERICSMITHII

H. x ericsmithii is a cross between H. x sternii and H. niger. It normally blooms mid-January through late March. The single flowers face outward; the large foliage is often grey or blue green. Varieties can grow 8" to 24" tall. Varieties include:

Champion Compact (8-12"); rosy buds, creamy white flowers aging to rose; foliage large, lance-shaped, glossy green

Frosty Large (20"); icy white flowers with yellow centers; foliage dark green

Shooting Star Large (18-22"); rose buds, white blooms with pink star on reverse; foliage medium green with red stems

H X GLANDORFENSIS HGC 'ICE N' ROSES'® SERIES

This series of hybrid hellebores has an extremely extended bloom time - from mid-December through April! The single flowers face upward; the leaves are a shiny dark green except as noted. These hellebores typically grow about 12-24" tall by 24" wide. Varieties include:

Ice N' Roses Barolo Dark maroon

Ice N' Roses Bennotta Ruby red, very upright

Ice N' Roses Bianco Pure white

Ice N' Roses Brunello Deep burgundy

Ice N' Roses Carlotta White shading to deep pink

Ice N' Roses Dark Picotee Creamy white with purple-pink edges

Ice N' Roses Early Red Deep purple-red

Ice N' Roses Early Rose Opens pale pink with darker edges, deepens to rose-pink

Ice N' Roses Frosted Rose White with green shades and purple-red picotee edges

Ice N' Roses Maddy Marble White with purple picotee edges, marbled foliage

Ice N' Roses Mary Marble White with ruby picotee edges, marbled foliage

Ice N' Roses Merlot Rich wine red

Ice N' Roses Mindy Marble White blushed purple-pink with darker reverse, marbled foliage

Ice N' Roses Mona Marble Dark red, marbled foliage

Ice N' Roses Nightingale Dark maroon with lighter streaks

Ice N' Roses Picotee Multicolored, varying; snow white to pink with dark pink edges

Ice N' Roses Purple Sunrise Cream edged with purple, nice two-tone effect

Ice N' Roses Red Clear dark maroon red

Ice N' Roses Rosado Clear white centers shading to purple-pink

Ice N' Roses Rosali White to pale pink with deep red edges

Ice N' Roses Rose Rose pink; pale centers, darker pink edges

Ice N' Roses Rosetta Light pink and white with golden stamens

Ice N' Roses White Icy white

H. x IBURGENSIS FROSTKISS® SERIES

This series of hybrid hellebores has a long bloom time - late December through March. The nodding single flowers are held well above the leaves. Lovely foliage: blue-green marbled with silver and white, sometimes pink. These hellebores typically grow about 16-24" tall.

Anna's Red Deep burgundy red flowers; red stems

Cheryl's Shine Clear light pink flowers; pink stems

Dorothy's Dawn Pink edges fading to cream and green at center, pink stems

Glenda's Gloss White edged violet, with green centers and purple stems

Molly's White Creamy white flowers, green or pink stems

Moondance Flowers bright white aging green, foliage marbled with white

Penny's Pink Flowers mauve aging to deep pink; red stems

Pippa's Purple Flowers rosy purple with burgundy freckles; purple stems; pink tinged foliage

Winter Angels Charmer Deep burgundy flowers and stems

H. X LEMPERII WINTER BALLET SERIES

H. x lemperii is a hybrid of *H. niger* & *H. x hybridus* with upward-facing, large single blooms. Bloom season is both early and extended. Varieties include:

Karli Plum purple

Katie White centers shading to carnation pink edges

Lenia Dark pink, blooming starts mid-November

Leona Wine red, blooming starts December.

Liara White streaked and edged with dark pink, blooming starts November

Lisann Pure white with green centers, blooming starts October

H. NIGER

Helleborus niger, the "Christmas rose" is the first species of hellebore to bloom, with long-lasting, upward facing single blooms that are usually white aging to green. Foliage is glossy dark green, and plants usually grow 10-18" tall by 20" wide. Varieties include:

Jacob Very early, compact, flowers white with burgundy stems, slightly fragrant

H. X NIGERCORS

H. x nigercors is a hybrid of **H. niger** and **H. argutifolius**. It's considered the hardiest hellebore and the easiest to grow. Bloom time is typically mid-January through March. Varieties include:

Honeyhill Joy Creamy white aging pale green, foliage blue tinged and shiny, 28" tall

H. ORIENTALIS (H. X HYBRIDUS)

This is the "Lenten Rose," long-blooming and long-lived; most varieties sold as *H. orientalis* are technically hybrids, *H. x hybridus*. It is the latest blooming group of hellebores, typically blooming February through April. Nodding flowers can be single or double, in a very wide range of colors, often with contrasting veins, freckles, or edges. Foliage is usually dark green and glossy. The Lenten rose usually grows about 18-24" tall by 24" wide. Varieties include:

The Honeymoon Series Single flowers, array of colors, often marked with burgundy

The North Star™ Series Double, nodding flowers in plum purple or pink; foliage is pine green, plants are larger than species: 25-30" high by 38" wide

The Spring Promise™ Series Single or double, shades of cream, white, pink, and burgundy

The Wedding Party Series Double nodding flowers in white, pink, and dark purple

The Winter Jewels® Series Single or double flowers in every possible color; very striking

H. X SAHINII 'WINTERBELLS'

H. x sahinii 'Winterbells' is a cross between *H. niger* and *H. foetidus*. Its gracefully nodding flowers are cream brushed pink & lime green, aging to mauve. It grows 10-12"x12" and blooms from winter-spring.

H. X 'WALHELIVOR' 'IVORY PRINCE'

H. x 'Walhelivor' 'Ivory Prince' blooms at the same time as the Lenten roses. Flowers are ivory flushed pink, streaked green and rose. Plants grow 12-18" tall by about 24" wide, with blue green foliage and burgundy stems.