



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, Jesko, Walburton's Rosemary				
Jonas, most <i>H. niger</i>				
Cinnamon Snow				
Ice Breaker Rosy				
Ice N Roses® Series				
Frostkiss® Series				
Monte Cristo, Snow Fever				
Camelot, Honeyhill Joy				
Ice Breaker Bonny, Love Bug				
Mahogany Snow, Marlon				
Shooting Star, Snow Frills				
Winter Moonbeam				
<i>H. argutifolius</i> , Crystal Leaf				
<i>H. foetidus</i>				
Champion				
Ivory Prince, Merlin				
Pink Frost				
most <i>H. orientalis</i> , including:				
Brandywine, 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 can handle 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 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

Marlon Rose buds open cream, ages green; cinnamon 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

Spring Party Late (February); compact plants; flowers creamy white brushed w/pink; white-veined foliage, rosy stems

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

Love Bug Compact (10-12"); rose buds; creamy pink flowers aging to rose; foliage blue-grey

Monte Cristo Compact (10-12"); flowers creamy white aging to peach pink; foliage blue-grey; red stems

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

Winter Moonbeam Medium (12-14"); flowers open white aging to pink, then nearly red

H. FOETIDUS

H. foetidus blooms mid January through late March. Flowers are nodding pale green bells with maroon edges. Foliage is dark green and lance-shaped. It normally grows about 18-30" tall by 30" wide. This hellebore can handle more sun than most others.

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

This series of hybrid hellebores has an extremely extended bloom time - 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 Mia Marble Pure icy white, marbled foliage
Ice N' Roses Milla Marble Creamy white, marbled foliage
Ice N' Roses Mindy Marble White blushed purple-pink with darker reverse, 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 Pink Promise Lavender pink, spotted
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
Bayli's Blush Cream blushed pink, with dark freckles
Cheryl's Shine Clear light pink flowers; pink stems
Dana's Dulcet Pink-purple flowers; purple 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 LEMONNIERI

H. x lemonnieri is a hybrid of *H. niger* & *H. orientalis* with upward-facing, large blooms and leathery foliage. Varieties include:

‘Walberton’s Rosemary Very early blooming (December through February); pink buds open deep pink, aging to salmon, then green; larger plant (12-24”)

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

Leona Wine red, blooming starts December.

Liah Pink with darker freckles

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

Linda White with green centers and yellow stamens

Lisann Pure white with green centers, blooming starts October

H. NIGER

Helleborus niger, the “Christmas rose” typically is the first 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:

Diva Early, with large pure white flowers

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

Jesko Very early, compact, flowers pure white

Jonas Compact, flowers white with a pink blush, aging green

Snow Frills Later blooming (mid January), compact, pure white double flowers

Winter Dreams™ Double Fantasy Pure white semidouble flowers; inner petals ruffled

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

Ice Breaker Bonny Flowers white streaked in green with a purple-red picotee edge. Green foliage; 12-24” tall.

Ice Breaker Rosy Flowers pale purplish pink with darker reverse. Blooms early; can start in November! Green foliage; 12-18” tall.

H. ORIENTALIS (H. X HYBRIDUS)

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 Brandywine Series Double and semi-double flowers in shades of white, apricot, pink, burgundy, purple, and yellow, many spotted or picotee

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.