Hellebores for 2011–2012

Enjoy a Winter of Wonder!

Skagit Gardens
Hellebores are versatile beauties and reliable cold-season favorites. Winter is when they truly come into their own, providing color when almost nothing else can. They are excellent season starters for garden center retailers and consumers, in flower from November through the early spring. Accented by the earliest blooming bulbs, the display in your garden can be lively and cheerful—a herald of the coming of spring.

Hellebores are no-fuss, reliable additions to any garden or landscape, and provide two to four months of vibrant color. Try them as a deer-resistant ground cover, or as perennials in shady borders. Also great in containers, the bright and dramatic colors and form are perfect as a centerpiece plant. They should be placed where their early flowers can be enjoyed in an entryway or patio.


### Bloom Chart

Hellebore flowering is a natural progression: early in the period, colored buds appear, followed by a succession of open flowers that age gracefully. Each bar reflects the approximate bloom period for the variety; expect fully open flowers mid-period. By planting different varieties with overlapping bloom times, you can have color from November through April.

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The Christmas Rose

In your home for the holidays...

- Fun host or hostess gift
- Great centerpiece in winter planters
- Good option for fundraisers
- Terrific impulse item

In your garden for a lifetime.™

Gold Collection® Jacob
H9–12”/12” • S13” • Z4(-30º) • Nov–Jan
- Burgundy-stemmed, pure white flowers; pink blush appears with cooler weather
- Blossoms on strong stems are slightly fragrant, numerous and long lasting
- Glossy, deep green, toothed leaves with dark stems
H. niger ‘HGC Jacob’: USPP #17799

Gold Collection® Joel
H9–12”/12” • S13” • Z4(-30º) • Nov–Jan
- Lightly fragrant, single, white flowers age to light green or blush pink in cool weather
- Dark green leaves and burgundy stems
H. niger ‘HGC Joel’: USPPP

Gold Collection® Jonas
H9–12”/12” • S13” • Z4(-30º) • Nov–Jan
- Single, white blooms mature to light green or pale pink with cool weather; light fragrance
- Burgundy stems accent deep green leaves
H. niger ‘HGC Jonas’: USPPP
**Gold Collection Varieties**

**Start a Tradition with the Helleborus Gold Collection**

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See [www.helleborus.us](http://www.helleborus.us)

**Champion (Winter’s Bliss)**

H15–18”/18” • S24” • Z4(-30º) • Jan–Mar
- Rosy buds open to large, creamy white blooms with dark pink reverse
- Leaves are large and lance shaped—a shiny dark green

*H. x ericsmithii ‘HGC Champion’*: USPPP

**Cinnamon Snow**

H15–18”/18” • S24” • Z5(-20º) • Dec–Feb
- Large, creamy white flowers blended with rose and cinnamon; cinnamon red accents on pink buds and as petal reverse
- Handsome, dark green leaves with serrated edges

*H. x ballardiae ‘HGC Cinnamon Snow’*: USPPP

**Ice Breaker Max (Winter’s Glow)**

H12–15”/15” • S15” • Z4(-30º) • Jan–Mar
- Large, creamy white flowers with a green blush
- Gray green foliage

*H. x ericsmithii Ice Breaker Max*: USPPP

**Ice Breaker Fancy**

H6–8”/8” • S19” • Z4(-30º) • Jan–Feb
- White blooms, with white or blush petal backs, mature to green

*H. x ericsmithii Ice Breaker Fancy*: USPPP

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| **JOKER (WINTER'S SONG)**     | H15–18"/18"   | Z4(-30º)| Jan–Mar      | - Large, ivory white flowers with dark pink reverse and hints of rosy pink on the bud  
- Large, lance-shaped, silvery green leaves  
*H. x ericsmithii* ‘HGC Joker’: USPPP |
| **JOSEF LEMPER**              | H15–18"/18"   | Z4(-30º)| Dec–Feb      | - Very large, slightly cupped, virgin white blooms turn light green  
- Rich, deep green foliage  
- Remarkably robust, with superior garden performance  
*H. niger* ‘HGC Josef Lemper’: USPP #15615 |
| **MERLIN**                    | H6–8"/8"      | Z5(-20º)| Feb–Apr      | - Light pink to pink flowers mature to a deep cranberry  
- Very dark foliage with dark stems  
*H. Merlin*: USPP #15705 |
| **PINK FROST**                | H12–15"/15"   | Z5(-20º)| Jan–Mar      | - Burgundy and white buds open to soft pink shades; flowers mature to deep burgundy  
- Fresh blooms create a stunning spectrum of white, pink and burgundy  
- Serrated, rich green foliage with red stems and veins and a silvery sheen marbled across the top  
*H. x ballardiae* ‘HGC Pink Frost’: USPPP |
| **SHOOTING STAR**             | H13"/13"      | Z5(-20º)| Jan–Mar      | - Dusty rose buds open to white flowers that fade to sage green  
- Deep green leaves with prominent veins and dark red stems  
*H. Shooting Star*: USPPP |
| **SPRING PARTY (MOONLIT MARBLE)** | H10–14"/14"   | Z5(-20º)| Feb–Mar      | - Creamy white blooms on rosy stems  
- Green and white, marbled foliage  
*H. x ballardiae* ‘HGC Spring Party’: USPPP |
Orientalis Varieties (x hybridus)

Known as the Lenten Rose, these glorious plants have flowers that vary from nodding to almost upright. Colors range from white to dark purple. This Hellebore type usually does not bloom the first year, but these are so special, they are worth the wait! All Orientalis types are 2005 PPA Perennial Plant of the Year.

Mardi Gras Double Mix
H18–24”/24” • S30” • Z5(-20º) • Feb–Apr
- Mix of double flowers in shades of nearly black, deep purple, rose and pink
- Large blossoms; long-lasting cut flower
- Deer resistant, attractive, dark green foliage
H. x hybridus Double Mix: USPPP

Spring Promise Series
A series of orientalis-type Hellebores that breaks the rules, uniformly blooming the first year, and is offered in a range of straight colors rather than mixed shades. Some are spotted and speckled, some frilly, some double. This series promises fabulous springs to come!
H18–24”/24” • S24” • Z5(-20º) • Feb–Mar

Bridget
- Single flowers in muted shades of white, cream and apple-blossom pink
H. x hybridus ‘SP Bridget’: USPPP

Charlotte
- Soft pink buds open to white, single blossoms with burgundy spots
H. x hybridus ‘SP Charlotte’: USPPP

Frilly Kitty
- Double, soft white blossoms with a baby pink blush; soft pink buds
H. x hybridus ‘SP Frilly Kitty’: USPPP

Mary Lou
- Single, soft pink and white flowers splashed with wine; pink buds
H. x hybridus ‘SP Mary Lou’: USPPP

Rachel
- Single, burgundy red blossoms with darker speckles
H. x hybridus ‘SP Rachel’: USPPP

Sally
- Single, soft yellow blooms shaded with green
H. x hybridus ‘SP Sally’: USPPP

Sandra
- Single, white blossoms densely spotted with deep wine red; soft yellow stamens
H. x hybridus ‘SP Sandra’: USPPP

Tiffany
- Single, white flowers with small burgundy speckles that radiate from a dark center; bright white stamens
H. x hybridus ‘SP Tiffany’: USPPP
**Winter Jewels’ Series**

This sparkling series reflects complex and refined breeding work. Large nodding blooms come in a range of unusual colors and the contrasting foliage is deer resistant and evergreen. Great for mixed beds and borders, or understory plantings, they also make good cut flowers.

- H varies • S varies • Z4(-30º) • Feb–Mar

**Apricot Blush**

H20”/20” • S24”
- Blossoms in shades of white blushed with rosy apricot
- Medium green foliage
  
  H. x hybridus Apricot Blush

**Black Diamond**

H15–18”/18” • S22”
- Flowers of nearly black, tinted slate, burgundy or red
- Purple foliage matures to green
  
  H. x hybridus Black Diamond

**Cherry Blossom**

H18–22”/22” • S24”
- White blooms freckled and veined with cherry red; red starburst center
- Dark green leaves
  
  H. x hybridus Cherry Blossom

**Golden Sunrise**

H18–22”/22” • S24”
- Flowers in shades of yellow can be accented with red veins, red starburst center and red blush on petal backs
- Light yellow green foliage
  
  H. x hybridus Golden Sunrise

**Painted**

H18–22”/22” • S24”
- White blooms are brushed with burgundy
- Leaves are a handsome, dark to medium green
  
  H. x hybridus Painted

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Winter Jewels Apricot Blush

Winter Jewels Black Diamond

Winter Jewels Cherry Blossom

Winter Jewels Golden Sunrise

Winter Jewels Painted
**MORE OUTSTANDING HELLEBORES**

**BLACKTHORN GROUP**
H12"/15" • S4" • Z5(-20º) • Feb–Apr
- Greenish white blooms with rosy blush on the back of the petals
- Steely blue foliage with serrated edges and crimson stems
- x sternii type, so hardier than lividis

*H. x sternii Blackthorn Group*

**IVORY PRINCE**
H12–18"/18" • S24" • Z4(-30º) • Jan–Apr
- Ivory flowers are flushed with pink, and streaked with green and rose hues that deepen with time
- Outward-facing, long-lasting blooms
- Handsome, blue green foliage with dark burgundy stems

*H. ’Walhelivor’: COPF, USPP #16199*

**LIVIDUS ‘PINK MARBLE’**
H6–12"/12" • S12" • Z7(0º) • Feb–Mar
- Bowl-shaped, creamy green flowers
- Glossy green foliage, silver veins and purple leaf stems

*H. lividus ‘Pink Marble’*

**NIGER ‘PRAECOX’**
H16"/16" • S20" • Z3(-40º) • Dec–Feb
- Bowl-shaped, white flowers age to pink
- Uniform, evergreen foliage

*H. niger ‘Praecox’*

**ROSEMARry**
H12"/12" • S18" • Z5(-20º) • Dec–Mar
- Rose pink buds open to large, out-facing, pale pink flowers, maturing to rose pink
- Prolific early bloomer
- Handsome dark green foliage

*H. ’Walhero’: USPP #19439*

**’SILVER DOLLAR’**
H24–30"/30" • S24" • Z6(-10º) • Dec–Jan
- Outside of the flowers is mauve with a rosy blush; creamy green inside
- Silvery, hollylike, evergreen foliage

*H. ’Silver Dollar’*