

# *Helleborus 'Royal Heritage'*



**Common Name:** hellebore or Lenten Rose

**Type:** Herbaceous perennial

**Family:** Ranunculaceae

**Zone:** 4 to 9

**Height:** 1.50 to 2.00 feet

**Spread:** 2.00 to 3.00 feet

**Bloom Time:** February to April

**Bloom Description:** Purple, red, white, green, pink

**Sun:** Part shade to full shade

**Water:** Medium

**Maintenance:** Low

**Flower:** Showy

**Leaf:** Evergreen

**Other:** Winter Interest

**Tolerate:** Deer, Heavy Shade

**Culture** Easily grown in organically rich, fertile, humusy, alkaline, medium moisture, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. Prefers light to moderate shade. Although the foliage is evergreen, it may become scorched and tattered in extremely harsh winters, particularly if not sited in locations protected from cold winter winds and/or insulated by snow cover. Cut back flowering stems after bloom to promote new foliage growth. Established plants that become congested may be divided in late summer to early fall.

**Noteworthy Characteristics** Hybrid hellebores, are bushy, clump-forming perennials which typically grow to 12-15" tall. They are noted for producing single, cup-shaped flowers (typically 2-3" diameter) with five showy, usually overlapping petals (technically sepals), but sometimes come in a double flowered form. Flowers bloom in a large variety of colors, including various shades and tints of white, pink, red, purple, and yellow, and sometimes have inside spotting. Bloom typically commences in late winter extending into early spring. Flowers appear at the tips of branched stems clad with evergreen dark green leaves which are divided into glossy, leathery, deeply-lobed, often toothed, lanceolate to elliptic segments. 'Royal Heritage' strain most closely resembles *H. orientalis*. It is a collection of hybrids with a wide variety of flower colors.

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