

# Lenten Rose

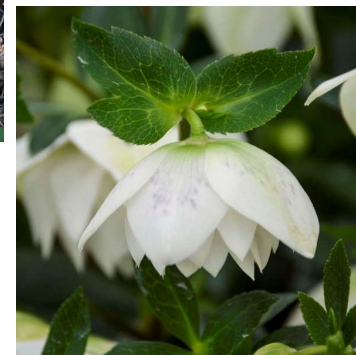
*Helleborus x hybridus*



Above left: palmate leaves seen throughout the summer



Above right: the flower of 'Black Diamond'



Right: the flower of 'Confetti Cake'

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Family: Ranunculaceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** semi-evergreen perennial  
**Size:** 12-18" tall and wide  
**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 4  
**Leaves:** basal, palmately divided  
**Leaf Color:** medium to dark green  
**Fall Color:** none  
**Flowers:** cymes, 5 petaloid sepals, flowers not showy  
**Fruit:** sessile follicles  
**Light:** part shade-full shade  
**Moisture:** well-drained  
**Insect/Disease Issues:** crown rot during wet winters, occasional leaf spot  
**Nativity:** cultivated  
**Location in the Gardens:** South Patio, Shade Garden

**Culture & Landscape Value:**

One of the earliest blooming perennials. Flowers in a variety of colors—white, red, pink, purple, black, yellow, and green. Some cultivars are bicolor or spotted. Single and double forms. Evergreen foliage can tatter in harsh winters with high winds. Cut back flowering stems in early summer to promote foliage growth. Plants can be divided in fall or grown from seed. Best planted in small masses near walkways where the flowers can be seen and appreciated.

**Notes:**

Leaves stems and roots are poisonous when ingested. Some cultivars are true-to-type from seed, others are not.



**Months of Interest:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec