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PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

0.75 – 1.5' high, 1.0 – 1.5' wide

 Sun/Shade

Part Shade to Full Shade

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Low

 Life Span

Evergreen Perennial, Zones 3-9

 Description

Helleborus, is a family of a large number of evergreen perennial plants exhibiting a wide array of colored blooms and shapes. Among the many hybrids are *Helleborus orientalis* (Lenten Rose) and *Helleborus niger* (Christmas Rose). The Lenten Rose displays April blooms of white-pink to rose-purple and is slightly larger than the Christmas Rose which blooms in February and March with white fading to blush-pink flowers and yellow stamens. They grow best in well drained soils and in part shade to full shade (under trees and large shrubs) and protected from winter winds. They take some years to establish and the clumps can be divided but grow best when undisturbed. Hellebores also self-seed. To take advantage of the early blooms, locate your plants near windows or doors to enjoy from the indoors. They are resistant to deer and have no serious insect or disease problems.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden \(orientalis\)](#), [Missouri Botanical Garden \(niger\)](#)



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