

Botanical Name: Helleborus orientalis

Common Name: Lenten rose

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, clumping plants with clumps of long-stalked

leaves, flowers usually held above foliage

Height to 18" Spread 24" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors shade to partial sun

Soil well-amended, organic soil

Hardiness hardy: all zones

Morphology:

Leaves palmately compound, eventually 12" across; 7-9 leaflets,

somewhat coarsely serrate on margins

Flowers cup-shaped, maroon to white, 1"-1 1/2" across; will last

for up to 3 months

Fruit cluster of 3-10 follicles

Propagation: division, seed (self-sows readily)

Usage: good under trees, between shrubs or in shaded beds. Mixes

well with ferns, azaleas, ajuga, primroses, etc.

Landscape Care:

Watering needs ample watering

Fertilizing none after established

Pruning generally none

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs

Special Conditions does not like being transplanted

Origin: Middle to Far East Asia Family: Ranunculaceae