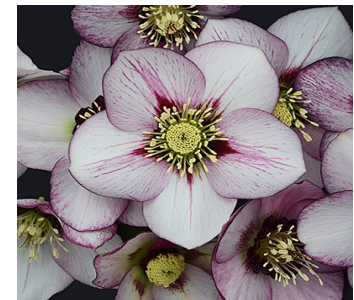




# Hellebores

# Helleborus AKA hellebores

- Approximately 20 species of herbaceous/evergreen perennial
- Many species are poisonous
- Family “Ranunculaceae” not closely related to rose family





# Description

- Petal-like sepals surrounding a ring of small, cup-like petals
- Originated in Europe and Asia



# Horticulture

- Grown in zones 5a-8b
- Decorative purposes for winter and spring flowering
- Frost resistant and many evergreen
- Shade loving/tolerant



# Planting tips

- Full to partial shade
- Sloped or raised beds
- Well drained soil
- Minimal fertilizer or slow released in summer months
- Minimal water in summer





# Animals and insects

- Usually deer tolerant
- Aphids
- Can cause skin irritation



# Diseases and treatment

## Gray mold

- Remove infected and dying leaves
- Improve ventilation by dividing
- Avoid overcrowding



# Pruning

- Remove all leaves
- Careful to not remove flower buds





# Propagation

- Grow from seed
- Self-sowing
- Dividing

