

Bloedel Plant Pick

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Latin Name: *Helleborus x hybridus*

Common Name: Hellebore

Family: Ranunculaceae

Type: Flowering Perennial

Origin: Europe and Asia

Locations at Bloedel Reserve: Throughout the grounds!

Garden Uses: Winter interest



Fun Fact: Hellebores are the true harbingers of spring. In the mid-1900s, Helen Ballard of England began crossing several species of Hellebores, which resulted in many different colors of flowers ranging from yellow to deep purple, as well as many different leaf shapes. The Genus name comes from the Greek word *bora* meaning “food”, and *helein* meaning “injury”. This is in reference to the plant’s toxicity if ingested.

