

# Spring Promise Regina Hellebore Helleborus 'SP Regina'

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Lenten Rose, Winter Rose

Group/Class: Spring Promise Series

# **Description:**

This attractive variety produces evergreen leaves that emerge deep burgundy; flower stalks, held occasionally above the foliage bear showy deep red-violet blooms, with contrasting butter yellow centers; a great selection for shade gardens



Spring Promise Regina Hellebore flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Ornamental Features**

Spring Promise Regina Hellebore features showy nodding double dark red cup-shaped flowers with buttery yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. Its attractive serrated oval compound leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning forest green in colour the rest of the year.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Spring Promise Regina Hellebore is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Spring Promise Regina Hellebore is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

#### **Planting & Growing**

Spring Promise Regina Hellebore will grow to be about 22 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 22 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.