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### Pine Knot Select Hellebore Helleborus 'Pine Knot Select'

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Pine Knot Best Strain, Lenten Rose,

Winter Rose

Group/Class: Pine Knot Select Mix

#### **Description:**

Large nodding buttercup-type single to semi-double blooms are a wide mix of colors, including various shades and tints of white, pink, red, purple, and yellow; great in woodland gardens and on shaded slopes



Pine Knot Select Hellebore features showy nodding rose cup-shaped flowers with purple overtones at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. Its glossy oval compound leaves emerge lime green in spring, turning bluish-green in color the rest of the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Pine Knot Select 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.

Pine Knot Select Hellebore is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Pine Knot Select Hellebore flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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#### **Planting & Growing**

Pine Knot Select Hellebore will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 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.