Winter Dreams™ Double Fantasy Hellebore

Helleborus niger 'Double Fantasy'



Winter Dreams Double Fantasy Hellebore flowers
Photo courtesy of Marcum's Nursery

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Lenten Rose, Winter Rose

Group/Class: Winter Dreams Series

Description:

Lovely, outward facing, semi-double blooms present ruffled pure white petals around golden stamens, in late winter to early spring; attractive dark green leaves form compact clumps; perfect for woodland gardens and shaded borders

Ornamental Features

Winter Dreams Double Fantasy Hellebore features showy spikes of semi-double white cup-shaped flowers with chartreuse eyes and gold anthers at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. Its serrated oval compound leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Winter Dreams Double Fantasy 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.

Winter Dreams Double Fantasy Hellebore is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Winter Dreams Double Fantasy Hellebore will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, 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.