



## SPRING 2024 Issue

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Master Gardener volunteers organize to extend educational services to their communities. Four key areas are Healthier Plants, Healthier Environments, Healthier Gardeners, and Healthier Communities.

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### Holy Helleborus! Is that a Lenten Rose?

Helleborus × hybridus is a group of evergreen, late-winter or early-spring flowering perennials in the buttercup family (Ranunculaceae). Helleborus (hellebore) is a small genus of about 20 species of herbaceous perennials native to Europe and Asia. Common names include hellebore, oriental hellebores, or Lenten rose.

The Lenten rose has many attractive features: easy to cultivate, hardy, long-lived, and evergreen. Flowers emerge in the dead of winter... [READ MORE](#)



Chickadee with larva, UCANR

### Gardening for Birds - or is it for Caterpillars?

If you want to feed the birds, start by feeding the caterpillars! Most songbirds will not thrive or choose to nest in habitats devoid of caterpillars. The plants best suited to support a diversity of caterpillars are native plants, but not just any natives. Just fourteen percent of native plants support ninety percent of caterpillar biomass; these are known as the keystone plants.

Many of us enjoy birds, but we may be inadvertently hanging “No Vacancy” signs... [READ MORE](#)

### Spring 2024 Community Gardening Events, for your planning pleasure.

During April, May, and June, there are many events throughout Humboldt and Del Norte Counties with gardening and landscaping themes, and Master Gardener booth displays at some of them. [READ MORE](#)



## Rain, glorious rain. Humboldt Botanical Garden Winter Update

*Why, what's the matter,  
That you have such a February face,  
So full of frost, of storm and cloudiness?*  
–William Shakespeare, from "Much Ado About Nothing"

Back in 2008, when we first began to garden, plan, and plant... [READ MORE](#)

## Thank you, UC Master Gardeners of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties



April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. We have twenty-five active Master Gardeners in our Program. We volunteer many hours each month to support the mission of the UC Master Gardener Program.

"Our mission is simple: To extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California."

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