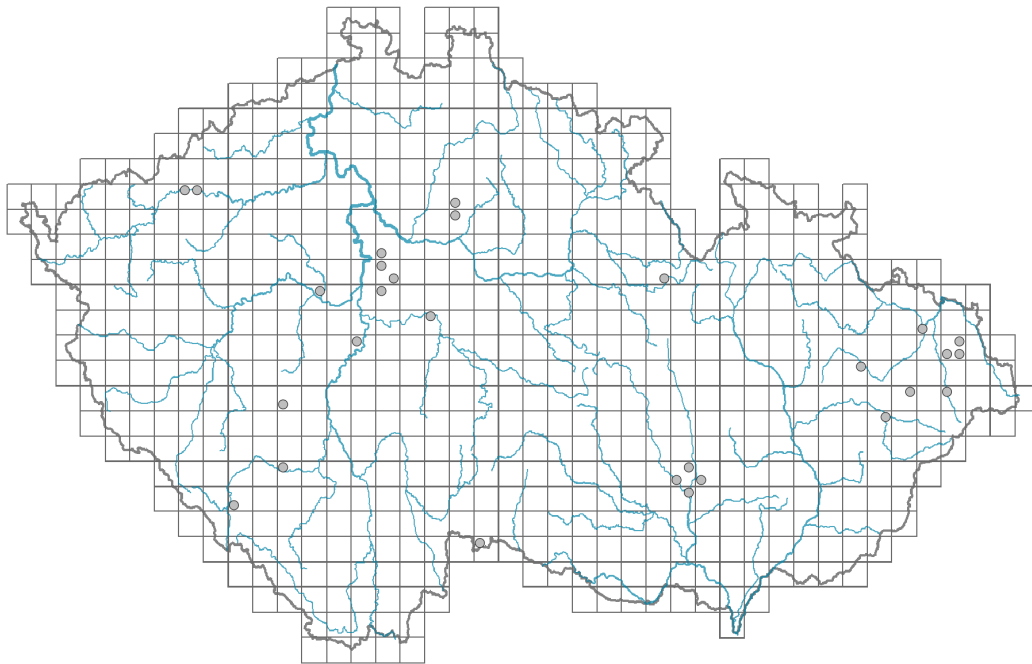


# *Helleborus orientalis*

## Distribution



## Habitus and growth type

Height [m]: **0.2-0.4**

Growth form: **clonal herb**

Life form: **hemicryptophyte**

## Leaf

Leaf presence and metamorphosis: **leaves present, not modified**

Leaf arrangement (phyllotaxis): **alternate**

Leaf shape: **simple - pedate**

Stipules: **absent**

Petiole: **present**

## Flower

Flowering period [month]: **February-April**

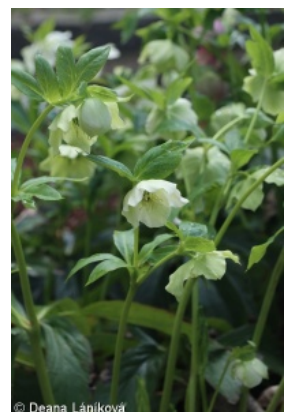
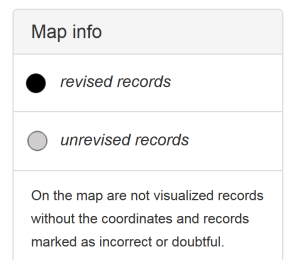
Flower colour: **pink, red-violet**

Flower symmetry: **actinomorphic**

Perianth type: **homochlamydeous**

Perianth fusion: **free**

Inflorescence type: **anthella**



## Fruit, seed and dispersal

Fruit type: **dry fruit - cluster of follicles**

Dispersal unit (diaspore): **seed**

Dispersal strategy: **Allium (mainly autochory)**

Myrmecochory: **myrmecochorous nv**

## Trophic mode

Parasitism and mycoheterotrophy: **autotrophic**

Carnivory: **non-carnivorous**

Symbiotic nitrogen fixation: **no nitrogen-fixing symbionts**

## Taxon origin

Origin in the Czech Republic: **neophyte**

Invasion status: **casual**

Geographic origin: **Europe**

Year of the first record in the wild: **2012**

Period of introduction: **Late Modern Period (1800-1950)**

Introduction pathway: **intentional - ornamental, intentional - nature**

## Habitat and sociology

Affinity to the forest environment

Affinity to the forest environment in Thermophyticum: **0 - taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**

Affinity to the forest environment in Mesophyticum and Oreophyticum: **0 - taxon that does not spontaneously occur in Czech forests**

## Threats and protection

Red List 2017 (national categories): **taxon is not on the Red List**

Red List 2017 (IUCN categories): **LC(NA) - least concern (taxon is not on the Red List)**

Legal protection: **not protected by law**

