**Helleborus orientalis**
lenten rose

**DESCRIPTION:** The lenten rose is one of the earliest and most delicate spring flowers at the SCBG. Most of the flowers, in shades ranging from dusty red to pure white, hang downwards like bells, but it is completely worth getting closer to ground level to appreciate them. This “rose” is actually related to buttercups and anemones, not roses.

**WHERE TO SEE IT:** Garden-wide

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**Viola hastata**
spear-leafed violet

**DESCRIPTION:** Herbaceous perennial with yellow flowers on leafy stems; leaves distinctly spearpoint-shaped, usually mottled with silvery-gray areas and clustered near the tip. Common in the mountains and upper piedmont in moist deciduous forests, especially beech forests, cove forests, and moist oak-hickory forests.

**WHERE TO SEE IT:** Natural Heritage Garden (Cove Forest area)

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**Edgeworthia chrysantha**
paperbush

**DESCRIPTION:** Paperbush is a deciduous shrub that is native to China. Grows 3-6' high and prefers light shade, and moist but well-drained soil with lots of organic matter. Clusters of fragrant tubular white and yellow flowers bloom from February to April. Plants are cultivated in Japan for use in making the paper for Japanese bank notes.

**WHERE TO SEE IT:** Heritage Pond, Hayden Conference Center