## <u>Hepatica</u> <u>nobilis var. nobilis f. pyrenaica</u>

## **Pyrenees** liverwort

The distribution area of this variety extends over the Spanish and French Pyrenees. They grow there in deciduous as well as in coniferous forests. Even at altitudes around 2000 m I found them in alpine grasslands. They differ from the normal European liverworts in that they have predominantly marbled foliage. There are very nice selections here with cultivar status. One can also say; the brighter the hepatica is in its wild habitat, the more common the marbling of the leaves. Its growth habit is stockier 8-12 cm. The flower color varies in pastel shades, but predominantly white, strong colors such as dark red or dark blue are very rare. Stamens and anthers are white to yellowish, very rarely there are pollen bearers in other colors. This only occurs when the flower color is strong, often the pollen bearers are then slightly pink. Ovaries are usually yellowish to light green. The color distribution in the flower can go from white on the inside to darker pink or blue on the outside. (See variety identification; flower pattern nos. 4,5,6). The flower size corresponds to the normal species with 2-3 cm. Also so called "Multiloba" have been found ('Ute'), or semi-double types like the variety 'Su's Double'. It is worthwhile to take a closer look during walks in the Pyrenees, nature has its surprises for us!





`Ute`







Harlekin Weiß-Rosa`



Mondschein`





Naturstandort



Harlekin Violett-Weiß`





`Pyrenäenschnee`

`Rotviolett`



`Harlekin Blau-Weiß Marmorata`



`Silberblatt`



Harlekin Blau-Wieß Marmorata



`Snow Storm`



`Snow Storm`



`Multipetala Violett`



`Multipetala Weiß`



`Harlekin Rosa`