

Alpine Heath

Erica carnea Also known as: **Winter Heath**

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This description is for *Alpine Heath (Erica carnea)*:

Winter Heath, sounds like a chilly place to be.

Erica carnea is an evergreen, spreading shrub that is well up to coping with the fickle UK weather. There's no worry about frosts and snow with this little lady, hence her common name of Alpine Heath. She sports needle like leaves, and from late winter through to the spring becomes covered in pink, red and, on occasion, white blooms. This makes it a great choice for adding early season colour to the garden. Add to this that she's easy to grow and requires little maintenance, and you can see she makes a fabulous choice for anyone looking for an addition to a low-maintenance garden.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs
Height [m] 0.1 - 0.25	Hardiness zone Z5-7	Grown for Long season of interest
Spread [m] 0.55	Heat zone H7-5	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners For every season Tough survivors

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Dominant flower colour Purple	Winter temperatures [°C] -29 - -12	Garden type Cottage garden Rock garden Containers
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 30 - 90	Garden spaces Banks and slopes Ground cover Borders
Flowering seasons Mid winter Late winter Early spring	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Green	Soil type sandy Clay loams	Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years
Foliage in summer Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Foliage in Autumn Green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in winter Green		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings layering		
Growth habit Spreading		