

## Heaths and Heathers

There are three classes of heaths and heathers:  
Calluna (true heather), Daboecia (Irish heather) and Erica (heath)

All are evergreen, small shrubs with thin needle-like leaves and abundant bell shaped, urn shaped or tubular flowers. All heaths and heathers need excellent drainage and acid soil.

Sandy soil with peat moss is usually good, heavy clay is usually fatal.

Feed heaths and heathers in early spring with acid fertilizer or compost, mix in lightly.

They are not heavy feeders. Plants should never dry out, but do not keep them too moist either.

They like sun to partly cool shade area. Prune plants after blooming to keep neatly trimmed and in shape.

If chosen correctly between varieties, you can have color year-round.

Blooming time is usually 8-10 weeks from beginning to end.

Tree heaths are very tolerant of alkaline and acid soils. Heaths need to be pruned in youth so that they can become bushy when they mature. Be careful of heavy snowfall, branches can damage easily.

Variety	Color	Bloom Time	Height
<b>Calluna vulgaris - Scotch Heath</b>			
Allegro	Ruby	July-Oct	Upright 18"
Aurea	Mauve	Aug-Oct	Bushy 12"
Firefly	Deep mauve	Aug-Sep	20" tall & wide
Flamingo	Lavender w/red spring foliage	Aug-Sep	Compact 10-12"
H.E. Beale	Double shell pink	Aug-Oct	Upright 24"
Linda	Purple	Aug-Sep	Upright 18" – 24"
Magda	Pink	Aug-Sep	Upright 18" – 24"
Monique	Rosy Pink	Aug-Sep	Upright 18" – 24"
Red Fred	Lilac pink	Aug-Sep	12-14", spreads 18"
Robert Chapman	Lavender	Aug-Oct	Upright 12", spreads 25"
Scarlet	Red	Aug-Oct	Upright 15"
Silver Knight	Lavender	July-Oct	Upright 20"
Spring Cream	White/new tips, cream/yellow	Aug-Nov	Upright 15"
Spring Torch	Mauve/new tips, pink/red	Aug-Oct	Upright 20"
Venus	White	Aug-Oct	Upright 12' – 20"
Viva	White / Cream	Aug-Oct	Upright 20"
<b>Erica arborea - Tree Heath</b>			
Estrella Gold	White	March-April	Bushy 4-6", spreads 3"
Terminalis	Lilac pink	July-Oct	Bushy 6-8"
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<b>Erica carnea - Winter Heath</b>			
December Red	Pink to heliotrope	Nov-April	Spreads 6-8", Orange tips
King George	Deep rich pink	Dec-April	Bushy to 15"
Myretown Ruby	Heliotrope to crimson	Jan-May	Spreads 8"
Pink Spangle	Shell pink	Jan-May	Spreads 9-12"
Pirbright Rose	Heliotrope	Dec-April	Spreads 6-8"
Ruby Glow	Magenta	Jan-May	Spreads 6-9"
Springwood Pink	Pink	Jan-May	Low 8"
Springwood White	White	Jan-May	Low 8"
Vivellii	Magenta, heliotrope	Jan-May	Bushy 9"
Wintersonne	Rosy pink	Jan-May	Compact 6-8" - Spreads 18-20"

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<b><i>Erica cinerea - Bell Heather</i></b>			
C.D. Eason	Bright magenta	June-Sept	Spreading bush 9"
<b><i>Erica darleyensis - Winter Heath</i></b>			
Darley Dale (Med Pink)	Deep pink	Sept-May	Bushy 15-18"
Furzey	Lilac pink	Nov-May	Spreads 15"
Ghost Hills	Pink heliotrope	Jan-May	Bushy 18"
Jenny Porter	Lilac	Jan-May	Spreads 8-10"
Kramer's Red	Magenta	Jan-April	Bushy 15"
Margaret Porter	Deep lilac	March-June	Spreads 8-10"
Mediterranean Pink	Shell to deep pink	Sept-March	15-18" tall, spreads 36"
Mediterranean White	White	Oct-May	15-18" tall, spreads 36"
Silberschmelze (Med. White)	White	Oct-May	Bushy 15-18"
<b><i>Erica vagans - Cornish Heath</i></b>			
Lyonesse	White w/pale brown anther	July-Oct	12" tall, spreads 20"
Mrs. D.F. Maxwell	Deep rose pink	July-Oct	Bushy 18"

This list is not necessarily what we carry but to be used for reference in planning your heath and/or heather garden. Not all varieties are available at all times.

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