

Heaths and Heathers

There are three classes of heaths and heathers:

Calluna (true heather), Daebocia (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. 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 they can become bushy when they mature. Be careful of heavy snowfall, branches can damage easily.

Variety	Color	Bloom Time	Height
Calluna vulgaris			
Scotch Heath			
Allegro	ruby	July-Oct	upright 18"
Aurea	mauve	Aug-Oct	bushy 12"
County Wicklow	large mauve pink	July-Oct	bushy 12"
Flamingo	lavender w/red spring foliage	Aug-Sep	compact 10-12"
H.E. Beale	double shell pink	Aug-Oct	upright 24"
Mrs. Ronald Gray	mauve	Aug-Oct	twiggy prostrate 2"
Robert Chapman	lavender	Aug-Oct	upright 12", spreads 25"
Silver Knight	lavender	July-Oct	upright 20"
Sir John Carrington	deep lilac	July-Sept	upright 15", gold/red tips
Spring Cream	wht/new tips, cream/yellow	Aug-Nov	upright 15"
Spring Torch	mauve/new tips, pink/red	Aug-Oct	upright 20"
Tib	double deep lilac pink	Aug-Oct	bushy 12-18"
Erica arborea			
Tree Heath			
Alpina	white, fragrant	March-April	erect 8-10'
Estrella Gold	white	March-April	bushy 4-6', spread 3'
Terminalis	lilac pink	July-Oct	bushy 6-8'
Erica carnea			
Winter Heath			
December Red	pink to heliotrope	Nov-April	spreading 6-8", orange tips
King George	deep rich pink	Dec-April	bushy to 15"
Myretown Ruby	heliotrope to crimson	Jan-May	spreading 8"

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Erica carnea (cont.)			
Winter Heath			
Pirbright Rose	heliotrope	Dec-April	spreading 6-8"
Pink Spangle	shell pink	Jan-May	spreading 9-12"
Ruby Glow	magenta	Jan-May	spreading 6-9"
Sherwoodi	lavender	Feb-April	bushy 8-10"
Springwood	pink	Jan-May	low 8"
Springwood White	white	Jan-May	low 8"
Vivellii	magenta, heliotrope	Jan-May	bushy 9"
Erica cinerea			
Bell Heather			
Atropurpurea	amethyst	July-Oct	bushy 12"
C.D. Eason	bright magenta	July-Sept	spreading bush 9"
Golden Hue	amethyst	July-Sept	bushy 12-15", yellow tips
P.S. Patrick	purple	June-Sept	spreading 12-15"
Erica darleyensis			
Darley Dale (Med Pink)	deep pink	Sept-May	bushy 15-18"
Furzey	lilac pink	Nov-May	spreading 15"
Ghost Hills	pink heliotrope	Jan-May	bushy 18"
Jenny Porter	lilac	Jan-May	spreading 8-10"
Kramer's Red	magenta	Jan-April	bushy 15"
Margaret Porter	deep lilac	March-June	spreading 8-10"
Silberschmelze (Med. Wh)	white	Oct-May	bushy 15-18"
Erica vagans			
Lyonesse	white w/pale brown anthers	July-Oct	bushy, rounded 10-12"
Mrs. D.F. Maxwell	deep rose pink	July-Oct	bushy 18"
Erica x watsonii			
Dawn	deep pink	July-Oct	spreading 6"
Daebocia cantabrica			
Irish Heath			
Alba	white	June-Oct	upright 20"
Atropurpurea	deep purple	June-Oct	upright 18"
Rubra	deep purple	June-Oct	semi-prostrate 19"

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.