Heather, Kramer's Rote

Erica carnea 'Kramer's Red'



Heather, Kramer's Rote flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Spring Heath, Snow Heath, Winter Heath

Description:

A fascinating groundcover featuring rich pink tubular flowers in early spring and deep green needle-like foliage, ideal for poor soils, also great for massing in the garden; requires organic highly acidic soil, full sun and absolutely no standing water

Ornamental Features

Heather, Kramer's Rote is bathed in stunning spikes of pink bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late winter to mid spring. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The tiny needles remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Heather, Kramer's Rote is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Heather, Kramer's Rote is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Heather, Kramer's Rote will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Special Attributes

Evergreens need to be watered during the winter. Our desert climate especially in late winter to early spring evergreens can suffer during next growing season. An easy way to remember check for dryness on the holidays Halloween, Thanksgiving, New Year's Day, Valentines Day & Easter.