Heather, Mediterranean Pink

Erica x darleyensis 'Mediterranean Pink'



Heather, Mediterranean Pink flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Spring Heath, Snow Heath, Winter Heath

Description:

One of the more tolerant of the heather's, to soil and moisture conditions, this interesting ground cover features light pink tubular flowers in early spring and light green needle-like foliage, ideal for poor soils, also great for mass planting.

Ornamental Features

Heather, Mediterranean Pink is covered in stunning spikes of pink bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late winter to mid spring. It has light green evergreen foliage. The tiny needles remain light green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Heather, Mediterranean Pink 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, Mediterranean Pink is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Heather, Mediterranean Pink in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Heather, Mediterranean Pink will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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 not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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.