

Heaths & Heathers

Spring 2008

Region 1



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Photograph: From clockwise at top *Erica carnea* 'Golden Starlet', *Calluna vulgaris* 'Red Fred', *Calluna vulgaris* 'Hoyerhagen', *Erica cinerea* 'Bucklebury Red'

Photo taken in Heaths & Heathers' display garden



Calluna vulgaris 'Firefly' showing winter foliage



Calluna vulgaris 'Alicia' (white), 'Alexandra' front, 'Amethyst' (left)



Above: *Erica carnea* 'Isabell' earliest carnea to bloom

Below: *Erica carnea* 'Golden Starlet' top *Erica cinerea* 'Bucklebury Red' center, *Calluna vulgaris* 'Silver Cloud' Foreground. Taken in July.



Calluna vulgaris 'Dark Beauty' in bloom in September



Calluna vulgaris 'Silver Knight' has beautiful silver foliage lavender flowers during summer.

The catalog this year is greatly abbreviated due to costs. If you order on-line, we have several hundred more varieties available. Check it out at www.heathsandheathers.com. Also, if you don't see it, ask us. We just might have it. Check our website for the Out List of what is sold out and for our display garden days and hours open. Mail order is open by phone from 8 AM to 3 PM Pacific Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

We have held the same prices as last year, but it was not easy. All of our plant suppliers who grow what we don't want up in price. So, cutting back on the catalog and postage was a logical place to start to reduce costs as most of you shop and order by internet these days. We continue to recycle pots and purchase used shipping boxes.

Look for care and growing instructions on-line, and they will also be sent out with each order. Thank you! Karla Lortz

Collections—For those of you who continually complain about too many choices to choose from, this is the item for you! These are collections we assemble for you once we figure your USDA zone and any conditions you can help to give us such as how much sun per day, soil pH, drainage, etc. We don't know what is in the collection until the day we pull the order. Remember it is our choice of plants - that means you can't dictate the variety you want in the collection when you order it. You can request height restrictions or a color you do or don't want. This is a good choice for those who cannot make up their minds or are overwhelmed by just what to choose. We put in many of our top plants that are the best performers and the most popular for your area.

Collection Name	Flower Color	Time of Bloom	Description	Price
Big Bargain 50 Collection	variety	varies	our choice 50 of 5 each of 10 different plants (only \$3.95 each, save \$40!) 3 1/4" pots	\$197.50
The Priority Group 3 1/4" + U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping	variety	varies	our choice 9 plants 3 1/4" pots \$40.50 + U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping for \$8.95 (plants \$4.50 each, save \$2.25)	\$49.45
The Alkaline Soil Group 3 1/4" + U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping	variety	varies	our choice 9 plants 3 1/4" pots \$40.50+ U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping for \$8.95	\$49.45
Colored Foliage Collection 3 1/4" *	lavender mauve, white	varies	our choice 12 plants 3 1/4" pots (\$4.50 each, save \$3)	\$54.00
Color All Year 3 1/4"	variety	all year	our choice 12 plants 3 1/4" pots (\$4.50 each, save \$3)	\$54.00
Landscape Special 3 1/4"	variety	all year	our choice 3 each of 7 different 3 1/4" pots - 21 plants (\$4.45 each, save \$6.30)	\$93.45
Starter Collection 3 1/4"	variety	all year	our choice 6 plants 3 1/4" pots (save \$1.00)	\$27.50
Starter Collection 3 1/4" + U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping	variety	all year	our choice 6 plants 3 1/4" pots (save \$1.00) + U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping for \$8.95	\$36.45
Shorty Group 3 1/4"	variety	all year	our choice 9 plants 3 1/4" pots - all 8" in height or less (plants \$4.50 each, save \$2.25)	\$40.50
Shorty Group 3 1/4" + U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping	variety	all year	our choice 9 plants 3 1/4" pots - all 8" in height or less + U.S. Priority Flat Rate Shipping for \$8.95 (plants \$4.50 each, save \$2.25)	\$49.45
Gallon Landscaping Special	variety	all year	our choice 3 each of 4 different ones -12 gallon pots (\$7.75 each, save \$9)	\$93.00
Gallon Starter Collection	variety	all year	our choice 6 gallon pots	\$48.00
Gallon Winter Bloomer*	variety	Nov-May	our choice 6 gallon pots	\$48.00

+ = Award of Garden Merit in the UK

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Erica from South Africa - Hummingbird Heaths™ are heaths with spectacular flowers and colors. They originate in South Africa but various hybrids have come from other countries such as Australia. They are typically hardy only to 28 F. but a few are hardy to 20 F. They must be protected during cold spells with hard frost, or they will freeze out or suffer damage. Wrap them in cardboard or a blanket. We keep ours in pots and bring into a cool garage during cold spells (WA State). They do not like being indoors as it is too dry. Hummingbirds will visit the flowers when full of nectar. They can often bloom an extra flush or earlier than listed or grow even taller than listed in hot climates. Most need an acidic soil. *There is a very limited number on these in stock.*

Cultivar	Flower Color	Time of Bloom	Height and Width in approx. 4 yrs	Foliage	Winter Foliage	Comments
African Fanfare	bi color mauve/white	Jan-March	upright 3' x 2'	medium green		spectacular! Hummingbird Heath™
<i>Erica caffra</i>	cream round tubular	June-Aug	bushy 6'	medium green		vigorous, great foliage new
<i>Erica cruenta</i>	curved blood red	Aug-Jan	upright 3-6'	dark green		Hummingbird Heath™ new
<i>Erica curviflora</i> pale red/gold	pale red tubes/gold tips	March-Jun	upright 3' or more	medium green		Hummingbird Heath™ new
<i>Erica curviflora</i> yellow	yellow tubular	Aug-Dec	upright 4' x 2'			Hummingbird Heath™ new
<i>Erica curvifolia</i>	orange tubular	July-Aug	upright 24"	medium green		Hummingbird Heath™
<i>Erica speciosa</i>	crimson tubes/gold lobes	Jan-March	web branched to 5'	medium green		Hummingbird Heath™ new
<i>Erica ventricosa</i>	pink ruffled tubes	June-Aug	bushy upright 3' x 2'	medium green		attractive Hummingbird Heath™
<i>Erica verticillata</i>	mauve-pink tubes	Aug-Oct	upright 3' x 2'	dark green		thought to be extinct in the wild Hummingbird Heath™
Winter Fire	crimson tubes	March-May	upright 3' x 2'	medium green	new growth yellow	Hummingbird Heath™ showiest of all

Tree Heaths are heaths which tower above all others and may reach heights of 20' in some climates. Established plants are hardy, but need protection from cold winter winds. They need lots of room and do well as focal plants or a background plant by a fence. Some pruning may be necessary, but tree heaths are meant to be tall and graceful. May need staking when young to prevent bending from snow. Most like acid soil unless noted.

Cultivar	Flower Color	Time of Bloom	Height and Width in approx. 4 yrs	Foliage	Winter Foliage	Comments
Estrella Gold	white	April-May	broad upright 4' x 3'	lime green	spring tips gold	This is an <i>E. arborea</i>
Spring Smile	white	April-May	upright 5' x 3'	light green	tipped pink, ylw	This is an <i>E. arborea</i>
<i>E. arborea</i> var. <i>alpina</i> +	white	Mar-May	upright 78" x 36"	medium green		This is an <i>E. arborea</i>
<i>E. australis</i>	lilac pink	April-Jun	5' x 3'	dark green		best form
Holebird	lilac pink	April-Jun	5' x 3'	dark green		This is an <i>E. australis</i>
Mr. Robert +	white	April-Jun	loose upright 6' x 3'	light green		This is an <i>E. australis</i>
Riverslea +	lilac pink	April-Jun	5' x 3'	dark green		This is an <i>E. australis</i>
George Hunt	pink buds white flowers	Mar-April	upright 28" x 18"	dark yellow		This is an <i>E. lusitanica</i>
<i>E. lusitanica</i> +	pink buds white flowers	Jan-May	upright 4' x 28"	medium green		superb foliage
Sheffield Park	pink buds white flowers	Dec-May	upright 28" x 18"	medium green		This is an <i>E. lusitanica</i>
Exeter +	sweet scented white	Mar-May	4' x 2'	light green		This is an <i>E. x veitchii</i>
Gold Tips +	white	Mar-June	26" x 24"	bright green	spring tips gold	This is an <i>E. x veitchii</i>
Pink Joy	pink buds open white	Mar-June	60" x 30"	medium green		This is an <i>E. x veitchii</i>

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If ordering multiple collections, do you want the collections to be exact duplicates? • yes • no
Our minimum order is \$15.00 or 3 of the 3 1/4" pots.

Shipping & Packing: FedEx, UPS & U.S. Priority Mail See Next Page!

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Qty	DESCRIPTION	Gal	4 1/2	3 1/4	Total	Qty	DESCRIPTION	Gal	4 1/2	3 1/4	Total	
	Bargain 50 Collection			197.50			Alicia +			4.75		
	Priority Group			49.45			Allegro +	\$8.50		4.75		
	Alkaline Soil Group			49.45			Annemarie +			4.75		
	Colored Foliage Col			54.00			Arabella			4.75		
	Color All Year			54.00			Copper Glow			4.75		
	Landscape Special			93.45			Corbett's Red			4.75		
	Starter Collection			27.50			County Wicklow +	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Starter Flat Rate			36.45			Cream Steving			4.75		
	Shorty Group			40.50			Cuprea			4.75		
	Shorty Group Flt Rt			49.45			Dark Beauty			4.75		
	Gallon Landscaping	93.00					Dark Star +	8.50		4.75		
	Gallon Starter Col	48.00					Darkness +	8.50		4.75		
	Gallon Winter Bloom	48.00					Dunnet Lime			4.75		
	African Fanfare	19.95		9.50			Firefly +	8.50		4.75		
	<i>Erica caffra</i>			8.50			Flamingo			4.75		
	<i>Erica cruenta</i>			9.50			Hamm. Aureifolia	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	<i>E. curviflora</i> red/gold						Hillbrook Sparkler			4.75		
	<i>E. curviflora</i> yellow	19.95		9.50			Hoyerhagen	8.50		4.75		
	<i>Erica curvifolia</i>	19.95		9.50			Kinlochruel +	8.50		4.75		
	<i>Erica speciosa</i>			9.50			Larissa			4.75		
	<i>Erica ventricosa</i>	16.00		8.50			Leslie Slinger	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	<i>Erica verticillata</i>	16.00					Moon Glow	8.50		4.75		
	Winter Fire	19.95					Peter Sparkes +			4.75		
	Estrella Gold	15.00		7.50			Radnor +			4.75		
	Spring Smile	15.00		7.50			Red Fred	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	var. <i>alpina</i> +	15.00		7.50			Red Pimpernel			4.75		
	<i>australis</i>	15.00		7.50			Ruby Slinger	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Holehird	15.00		7.50			Schurig' s Sensation			4.75		
	Mr. Robert +	15.00		7.50			Sesam	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Riverslea +	15.00		7.50			Silver Cloud	8.50		4.75		
	George Hunt	15.00		7.50			Silver Fox	8.50		4.75		
	lusitanica +	15.00		7.50			Silver Knight	8.50		4.75		
	Sheffield Park	15.00		7.50			Silver Queen +	8.50		4.75		
	Exeter +	15.00		7.50			Spring Cream +			4.75		
	Gold Tips +	15.00		7.50			Spring Torch	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Pink Joy	15.00		7.50			Velvet Fascination	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Alexandra +			4.75			White Coral			4.75		

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	Bell's Extra Special			4.75			Arthur Johnson *	8.50		4.75		
	December Red	8.50		4.75			Furzey	8.50		4.75		
	Golden Starlet	8.50		4.75			George Rendall	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Isabell +	8.50	6.50	4.75			Ghost Hills	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Loughrigg +			4.75			Kramer's Rote	8.50		4.75		
	Myretoun Ruby	8.50		4.75			Mary Helen	8.50		4.75		
	Nathalie +			4.75			Silberschmelze	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Rosalie +	8.50		4.75			Spring Surprise	8.50		4.75		
	Springwood White*	8.50	6.50	4.75			White Glow	8.50		4.75		
	Vivellii +			4.75			White Perfection	8.50	6.50	4.75		
	Winterfreude		6.50	4.75								

Shipping Rates

If you would like a better idea of shipping costs, go to our web site. You can back out of the before you pay if you decide not to order. All shipping rates are estimates. Plants are variable on weight.

These charts are a guesstimate only. Rates vary with distance, residential surcharges, etc. If the actual rate is more than estimated, you are obligated to pay the difference. You will be notified on your invoice of the balance due if paid by check.

To Figure Shipping: Example (West Chart) 12 of the 3 1/4" pots plus 4 gallons.

- 1. Add up number of pots and corresponding weight.**
(.75 x 12 = 9 lbs + 4 x 4 = 16 lbs, Total = 25 lbs + 2 lbs for packaging)
- 2. Multiply total weight by category. (West: 27 lbs x .60 = \$16.20)**

Weight of Pots below:

3/4" pots = .75 lbs. (3/4)

For packaging add: 1 lb up to 20 lbs; add 2 lbs. for 21 + lbs

4 1/2" pots = 1- 3/4 lbs, Gallons = 4 lbs *Too difficult? Order by internet!*

Shipping West of the Rockies

FedEx Home Delivery can be unreliable in remote areas of the West. Let us know if you DO NOT want FedEx, as we use both carriers depending on when the truck arrives here.

Shipping East of the Rockies All orders are shipped FedEx Home Delivery or UPS 3rd Day Select. FedEx Home Delivery must be shipped on Monday to arrive on Saturday. Not all areas have this delivery service on Saturday.

Shipping Everywhere U.S. Priority Flat Rate box. **Ship up to 11 of the 3 1/4" pots for only \$8.95!** It arrives in only 2 days. We can ship more than one box for larger orders.

Buy 1-19	Get 0 free
Buy 20-29	Get 2 free
Buy 30-39	Get 3 free
Buy 40-49	Get 4 free, etc.

Buy 20 of the 3 1/4" pots, you pick out two for free at the \$4.75 price. On the order form, mark the free Bonus Plants with a "BP" next to the price. So, you should have 20 plants at the regular price and two for free. Add an additional free one for each 10 you buy. If you buy 100, then you get ten Bonus Plants for free. If you buy some gallons and some 3 1/4" pots, the total count goes towards the Bonus Plants in the small pots. Bonus Plants are only those plants priced at \$4.75. Shipping charges do apply to Bonus Plants in the shipping fee. Collections do not count towards Bonus Plants as they are discounted already.

Shipping Chart West

West Weights	UPS/FedEx Ground
Up to 10 lbs	\$10.00
11-20 lbs	\$.70/lb
21-50	\$.60/lb

Shipping Chart East

East Weights	UPS/FedEx Ground
Up to 10 lbs	\$12.00
11-20 lbs	\$1.10/lb
21-50	\$.95/lb

***Calluna vulgaris* is also known as Ling or "Scotch" heather. These are the true heathers, among the hardiest and most varied of all hardy heathers. Sizes range from small tufts, mounds and carpets to shrubs about three feet tall. Flowers can be single or double. There are even a few bud bloomers who hang onto their flowers through winter and look as if they are still in bloom. There are many interesting foliage colors. Some turn spectacular shades of orange and red during the cold weather of winter. The varieties that show colored spring new growth are valuable for their several months of extremely showy foliage from January to June, and then they go on to bloom for an additional several months.**

Callunas grow and flower best in full sun but can tolerate partial shade. The colored foliage plants need bright winter sun to turn those intense shades of orange or red. Some experts recommend pruning the callunas with spring colored tips in the fall so you get to enjoy the new growth without pruning it off.

Good drainage is very important. They are liable to get root diseases if growing in wet spots. Callunas are lime haters. Acid soil is ideal. Bushy and low growing varieties are best for colder, snowy areas where they are more protected by snow cover. We can recommend the hardiest ones for those of you in Zone 3-4 country. In the hot and humid South, it is best to stay away from lower varieties which can be susceptible to fungal diseases. All callunas but the most compact miniatures need annual pruning or plants will become straggly and unsightly. Prune below the flowers on the stems after flowering in fall or in early spring in the colder climates. USDA Zone 4 (-30 degrees) to Zone 8 and warmer with good care. Ask if you don't see what you are looking for, we have lots more!

Cultivar	Flower Color	Time of Bloom	Height and Width in approx. 4 yrs	Foliage	Winter Foliage	Comments
Alexandra +	deep crimson buds	Aug-Dec	upright bushy 12" x 16"	dark green		patented plant do not propagate
Alicia +	white buds	Aug-Dec	compact upright 12" X 15"	bright green		masses of buds -patented plant
Allegro +	ruby	July-Oct	upright 18" x 24"	dark green		highly rated
Amethyst	red purple buds	Aug-Jan	upright bushy 16" x 20"	dark green		patented nice bright color
Annemarie +	double rose pink	Sept-Oct	upright 20" x 24"	dark green		spectacular in flower
Arabella	brilliant blood red	Aug-Sept	open erect 12" x 18"	dark green		similar in color to 'Dark Beauty'
Copper Glow	mauve	Aug-Sept	upright vigorous 14" x 22"	yellow green copper tips	bronze	plump handsome foliage
Corbett's Red	crimson	Aug-Oct	spreading 10" x 16"	dark green		long racemes
County Wicklow +	large double shell pink	July-Oct	low compact 12" x 18"	medium green		excellent, large flowers
Cream Steving	white	Aug-Sept	upright 16" x 24"	bright green	spring tips cream	we like this one
Cuprea	lavender	Aug-Oct	upright 12" x 12"	copper	bronze red	compact upright
Dark Beauty	semi-double blood red	Aug-Oct	compact 10" x 14"	dark green		turns to purplish red—best red flowered calluna
Dark Star +	semi-double	Aug-Oct	neat compact	dark green		rated higher than
Darkness +	crimson	Aug-Oct	neat compact 10" x 12"	dark green		masses of flowers outstanding
Dunnet Lime	lilac pink	Aug-Sept	spreading 6" x 14"	lime green	orange tips	the foliage glows on this
Firefly +	deep mauve	Aug-Sept	upright 18" x 20"	salmon to red	striking brick red	one of the best foliage
Flamingo	lavender	Aug-Sept	12" x 20"	dark green	spring tips pink	redder than 'Spring Torch'

Cultivar	Flower Color	Time of Bloom	Height and Width in approx. 4 yrs	Foliage	Winter Foliage	Comments
Hammondii Aureifolia	white	Aug-Oct	12" x 16"	dark green	creamy yellow spring tips	striking spring tips, keep well pruned
Hillbrook Sparkler	mauve	Aug-Oct	bushy 18" x 24"	dark green	spring tips cream/pink/red orange/copper	
Hoyerhagen	pale crimson	July-Sept	upright 10" x 14"	orange gold	can turn deep red	one of the best reds
Kinlochruel +	double white	Aug-Oct	compact bushy 10" x 16"	bright green	bronze tips	spectacular in bloom the best double white
Larissa	rich brick red buds	Aug-Nov	upright bushy 12" x 18"	dark green		sport on 'Alexandra' patented plant
Leslie Slinger	lavender	Aug-Sept	8" x 14"	green	spring tips salmon crmsn	
Moon Glow	pale purple	Aug-Sept	very broad low spreading 14" x 50"	dark green	tips red winter/ yellow spring	
Peter Sparkes +	double rose pink	Aug-Oct	upright 15" x 24"	dark green		highly rated
Radnor +	double pink	July-Sept	compact 10" x 18"	bright green		good compact double fungal free
Red Fred	lilac pink	Aug-Sept	upright 14" x 18"	medium green	spring tips red	red well lasts into summer
Red Pimpernel	crimson	July-Nov	compact 8" x 18"	dark green		floriferous - we love this
Ruby Slinger	white	Aug-Oct	upright 10" x 14"	bright	yellow spring tips	outstanding in spring
Schurig's Sensation	double dark pink	Aug-Nov	12" x 22"	dark green		large flowers
Sesam	lilac pink	Aug-Sept	upright compact 12' x 18"	golden	very rich orange rusty red	from Sweden very hardy – a favorite of ours
Silver Cloud	pale purple	Aug-Sept	semi prostrate 6" x 20"	downy silver gray		we like this one handsome plant
Silver Fox	lavender	Aug-Sept	open erect 14" x 22"	bright silver gray		vigorous, another one we like a lot
Silver Knight	lavender	July-Sept	upright 20" x 24"	downy gray	purple gray	always popular
Silver Queen +	lavender	July-Sept	spreading 12" x 20"	downy silver gray		recommended
Spring Cream +	white	Aug-Nov	compact 14" x 18"	medium green	spring tips cream	very striking in spring
Spring Torch	mauve	Aug-Oct	upright 20" x 24"	medium green	spring tips red, cream, pink	a beautiful sight in spring
Velvet Fascination	white	Aug-Sept	upright 20" x 28"	downy silver		finest foliage specimen plant in the yard
White Coral	double white	Aug-Sept	compact 8" x 18"	bright green		sport from 'Kinlochruel'

Erica carnea is one of the hardiest of heathers. Provides good winter color with its long blooming season. Established plants need little care. When spaced properly, they form a carpet for a good ground cover. Plants can be sheared lightly after flowers fade but not any later as flower buds are formed during the summer. Annual light shearing, especially while plants are young, makes for a bushier plant that does not form a bare, woody center with age. Most *carneas* are prostrate in habit and grow quickly. *Erica carnea* are some of the easiest heathers to grow and thrive in almost any soil. Hardy to Zone 4 (-30 degrees) with protection and warmer.

Cultivar	Flower Color	Time of Bloom	Height and Width in approx. 4 yrs	Foliage	Winter Foliage	Comments
Bell's Extra Special	reddish purple	Jan-May	neat tidy 6" x 16"	whiskey color	flecked orange gold	recommended, handsome
December Red	pink/red purple	Nov-April	spreading 6" x 18"	medium green		early for a <i>carnea</i>
Golden Starlet	white	Dec-Mar	spreading 6" x 16"	bright gold	lime green	doesn't burn like other golden <i>carneas</i> in spring
Isabell +	white	Feb-April	spreading 6" x 14"	bright green		blooms very well
Loughrigg +	pink/rose pink/red purple	Jan-May	vigorous spreading 6" x 20"	dark green	bronze	outstanding
Myretoun Ruby	red purple to crimson	Jan-May	spreading 8" x 18"	dark green		one of darkest red <i>carnea</i>
Nathalie +	purple	Jan-Apr	compact 6" x 16"	dark green		darkest flowers <i>E. carnea</i>
Rosalie +	bright pink	Jan-April	spreading 6" x 15"	bronze green		highly recommended
Springwood White +	white	Jan-May	spreading 8" x 24"	bright green		vigorous groundcover low & spreading
Vivellii +	magenta	Jan-May	bushy 9" x 14"	dark green	bronze hue	handsome plant
Winterfreude	crimson	Nov-April	spreading 6" x 16"	medium green		beautiful & early

Erica x darleyensis includes many hybrids of *Erica carnea* and *Erica erigena* and is one of the easiest of all heathers to grow. It is suitable for almost any soil, needs very little pruning and is useful for smothering weeds. *E. x darleyensis* are the ironclads of the heaths. These plants are generally more bushy and are quite a bit taller than the carpeting *Erica carnea*, so keep this in mind when ordering. Some people want flat carpeters, and others want the bushier taller type. Most varieties have pink or cream tips of new growth in spring and bronze foliage in the winter. Buds form in late summer or very early fall, and some cultivars begin blooming as early as late September, often lasting until May. The flowers open pale and deepen as the season progresses. Prune when young when finished blooming in May to create a bushier plant. Zones 5 (-20 degrees) and warmer.

Cultivar	Flower Color	Time of Bloom	Height and Width in approx. 3-4 yrs	Foliage	Winter Foliage	Comments
Arthur Johnson +	pink-reddish purple	Nov-May	open bush 18" x 30"	medium green	cream tips spring	
Furzey +	dark lilac pink	Nov-May	bushy 15" x 24"	dark green	pink tips in spring	flowers very well
George Rendall	pink-reddish purple	Nov-May	bushy 15" x 26"	medium green	red, pink cream tips in spring	flowers well
Ghost Hills +	pink-reddish purple	Nov-May	bushy 18" x 36"	light green	spring tip cream	
Kramer's Rote +	magenta	Jan-April	bushy 15" x 24"	dark green	bronze	Rote translates to Red
Mary Helen	pink	Feb-April	bushy 10" x 18"	yellow to gold	bronze-maroon	striking winter foliage
Silberschmelze	ashen white	Dec-May	bushy 14" x 32"	medium green	spring tips cream	a.k.a. 'Med. White'
Spring Surprise	dark rose	Mar-May	broad 18" x 24"	dark green		
White Glow	white	Dec-May	bushy 10" x 20"	medium green		outstanding
White Perfection +	pure white	Dec-April	bushy 16" x 28"	bright green		highly rated long spikes



Left side of page top to bottom: *Erica ventricosa* Photo by Arthur P. Dome, *Erica* 'Winter Fire', *Erica curviflora* pale red tubes with gold lobes. Photo by Irene Wilson.



Right side of page (below): *Erica cruenta*, *Erica* 'African Fanfare'



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