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Erica carnea

[Synonyms : *Erica herbacea*, *Erica mediterranea*]

WINTER HEATH is an evergreen shrub. Native to central and southern Europe it has tiny, rosy-red or white flowers.

It is also known as Alpine heath, Austrian heath, *Frühlingsheide* (German), Mountain heath, Pink heath, *Schneeheide* (German), Spring heath, *Vårljung* (Swedish), *Vřesovec bylinný* (Slovak), *Vřesovec bylinný* (Czech), and *Vřesovec pleťový* (Czech).

Carnea means ‘flesh-coloured or deep pink’.

It was introduced to Britain in 1763 by the 7th Earl of Coventry (1758-1831).