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Erica ciliaris

DORSET HEATH is an evergreen shrub. Native to western Europe (including Britain) it has small rosy-purple flowers.

It is also known as *Carroncha* (Spanish), Ciliated heath, Ciliated heather, Ciliate-leaved heath, *Cordões-de-freira* (Portuguese), Fringed heath, *Lameirinha* (Portuguese), and *Vřesovec brvity* (Czech).

Dorset heath is a protected plant in the Irish Republic under the Flora Protection Order 1987. It is also considered to be threatened in the wild in Britain.

Ciliaris derived from a Latin word *cilium* meaning ‘eyelid’ and through that ‘eyelash’ means ‘edged with hairs or fringed with hairs on many leaves and petals or ciliate’.