

Erica vagans

COMMON NAME

Cornish heath

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Erica vagans L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

FEATURES

A vigorous bushy evergreen shrub to 50-70 cm tall. It has feathery bright green foliage on ascending stems. The needle-like leaves (6-15 mm long) occur as whorls of 4, and roll outwards. The pink or rose flowers (often white in cultivation) are tubular to bell-shaped, and occur as small clusters in terminal or axillary panicles. The corolla is 3-4 mm long and hairless, with long black anthers, 6-15 mm long. Flowering takes place between Dec-May. Seed capsules have not been seen in NZ.

FLOWERING

December, January, February, March, April, May

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1981

ORIGIN

West Europe

ETYMOLOGY

erica: From the Greek ereika 'heath' or 'heather'

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/erica-vagans/>

