

Weed Alert Spanish heath



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(*Erica lusitanica*)

Mature Size Shoulder



Description

- 4-5 ft. slender perennial shrub with small tubular bell-shaped flowers
- White to light pink flowers with 4 petals, grow singly or in small clusters
- Evergreen, leathery, needle-like leaves less than 1 in. long
- Young stems densely hairy; mature stems brown and woody
- Fruit is a capsule ¼ in. long and filled with tiny seeds
- Reproduces by seed and may resprout from roots when damaged
- Spread by wind, water, animals, roads, trails, equipment, horticulture
- Native to western Europe, Spain, and Portugal



Bloom Period Mar - Jul

Habitat Coastal scrub, riparian, forest, grassland, disturbed sites



2-Minute Removal Dig

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