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