

# 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.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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/>

