PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Erica tetralix* L.

**GENUS** *Erica* **FAMILY** Ericaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Bog heather, Cross-leaf heath

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** flower, Flowers, Stems

## DESCRIPTION

A small spreading shrub. It grows 30 cm high and spreads 50 cm across. The leaves are grey-green and sword shaped. They are arranged in rings of 4. They are silver underneath. The flowers are pale pink. Some varieties have dark, rose-red flowers. They are urn shaped and in groups at the ends of branches.

## HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in bogs and marshes. It suits hardiness zones 3-9.

## NOTES

There are about 860 Erica species. Most are in South Africa.

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