

HEATHERS FOR WINTER COLOR

Most of these plants range in size from 8” to 24” high and from 10” to 28” in spread. Habit varies from sprawling to erect and flower color from white through pink, mauve, lavender, magenta, ruby to beetroot. Some of the best winter color comes from the colored foliage varieties, which have really been increasing in popularity. **Ones with (*) are particularly good in our experience. This is only a small sampling!**

Calluna vulgaris clones below all have colorful winter foliage ranging from gold to red to silver, depending upon the cultivar. Flower in summer.

'Alice Knight'

'Allegretto'

*'Arran Gold', very low grower

'Beoley Gold'

'Bonfire Brilliance'

'Burgundy Fire'

'Celtic Gold'

'Con Brio'

'Dart's Gold'

'Dunnet Lime'

*'Firefly'

'Fire King'

*'Foya'

'Glendoick Silver'

'Gold Hamilton'

*'Golden Max'

*'Highland Rose'

'Hoyerhagen'

*'Kerstin'

'Mrs. Pat' (pink new growth all year but a little tender – protect from cold winds)

*'Sesam'

*'Velvet Fascination' (best silver)

**'Wickwar Flame' (earliest to color)

'Winter Chocolate'

Erica arborea 'Estrella Gold' – tree heather to 4 ft high/wide., golden foliage, spring flowers.

Erica carnea - winter bloomers

*'Ann Sparkes' (good foliage color and dark flowers)

'Barry Sellers'

'Bell's Extra Special' (good foliage color)

*'Challenger'

'Golden Starlet' (very wide spreading, golden foliage may sunburn in full sun)

*'Myretoun Ruby'

*'Nathalie'

'Rosalie'
'Rosantha'
*'Rotes Juwel' (darkest flower color, compact)
'Schneekuppe'
'Westwood Yellow' (good foliage color)

Erica ciliaris 'Aurea' - summer bloom, gold/green foliage, needs a bit of light shade

Erica cinerea - summer bloomers, good foliage color (some get very red in winter)

**'Celebration' Green/gold all year, no scorching. A few white flowers.

**'Golden Drop'

'Golden Hue' Unusual upright habit

*'Golden Sport'

'Lime Soda'

'Windlebrook'

Erica x darleyensis - winter bloomers. Forget the old, **incorrectly** named "Mediterranean Pink" and "Mediterranean White". Cultivars below are much better.

'Jack Brummage' (good foliage color)

**Kramer's Rote' This is THE best x *darleyensis*.

*Mary Helen' (good foliage color)

'White Glow'

'White Perfection'

'Winter Treasure'

Erica erigena These are very amenable to pruning, can be topiary or hedge.

'Irish Dusk' (salmon pink flowers, excellent winter bloomer, a bit taller than those above.

*'Brian Proudley' Much taller than 'Irish Dusk', good white. Blooms many months.

'Maxima'

Erica lusitanica 'George Hunt', tree heath, fabulous chartreuse spring foliage, otherwise rather golden. This was a huge hit at 2000 Seattle show. A bit tender INLAND in our climate, but will regrow after winter dieback following extended cold spells. **DO NOT PLANT THIS ALONG THE OREGON COAST. *E. lusitanica* HAS INVASIVE POTENTIAL, THOUGH THE GOLDEN FOLIAGE FORMS such as 'George Hunt' MAY NOT BE A PROBLEM.**

Erica vagans - summer flowering.

'Yellow John' (lilac flowers)