

Bell heather - *Erica cinerea*



Description

Bell heather is similar in appearance to common heather. The dwarf woody shrub has slightly longer whorled leaves 5-7mm long. The flowers are bell-shaped, vivid bright pink-purple and 5-6mm long.

Bell heather is a common indicator of very poor quality sites likely to be deficient in nitrogen. Consequently, it is associated with pine woodland, in particular W18. It can also be found in W16-17, in heathland and bogs in a range of NVC communities.

Soil regimes

Soil reaction (R)	2
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Nitrogen availability (N)	2
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