

DARLEY DALE HEATH

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BLOOMING IN THE WINTER MONTHS, DARLEY DALE HEATH, ALSO KNOWN AS WINTER HEATH, HAS A DELICATE YET STURDY APPEARANCE. FINELY TEXTURED, THE DARK GREEN NEEDLE-LIKE LEAVES ARE EVERGREEN AND QUITE RESISTANT TO BROWSING DEER. PRECIOUS WHEN SPRINKLED WITH THE ROSE PINK FAIRY-LANTERN BLOSSOMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEATH FAMILY DURING THE COLDEST MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND VALUABLE TO FORAGING POLLINATORS AWAKE AT THAT TIME. DESPITE THE DELICATENESS OF ITS BLOOMS, IT IS DENSELY BRANCHED AND SOLID IN SILHOUETTE, MOUNDING TO 1 1/2' TALL AND UP TO 3' ACROSS, AND MAKES A LOVELY MASS PLANTING, BRINGING TO MIND ALPINE SCENES WITH THEIR LOW AND WINDSWEPT PLANTS. LIKES ACID SOIL, BUT NOT AS DEPENDENT ON IT AS SOME MEMBERS OF THIS CLAN. QUITE NICE!

SUN TO PART SHADE

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