

## GREAT PLANT PICKS

### Erica Field Evaluation Report 27 March 2003

VanDusen Botanical Garden, British Columbia

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All plants were given a numerical score from 1 (worst) to five (best). Scores on this report reflect the average of five individual scores.

Erica	Overall Score	Habit	Foliage	Bark/Stem Color	Flower	Fruit	Disease Resistance	Pest Resistance	Comments	Image
<i>E. australis</i>	4.0	3.9	3.5	N/A	4.6	N/A	3.75	4.0	4-5 ft. tall, graceful, shrubby, upright habit; bright green foliage; pink flared flowers w/darker calyx, "very attractive"; 15 yr. old specimen crowded by other plants	
<i>E. c. 'Adrienne Duncan'</i>	4.5	4.8	4.5	N/A	4.8	N/A	4.13	4.38	low growing, compact habit (so far); deep green foliage; prolific red-purple flowers; 3 yr. old specimen doing well in somewhat poor location (some shade, wetter site); <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. c. 'Ann Sparkes'</i>	3.6	3.8	3.6	N/A	2.63	N/A	3.75	4.0	low, spreading habit; attractive gold-bronze foliage, some brown tips and dead leaves; very few purple-red flowers (too much shade?)	
<i>E. c. 'Foxhollow'</i>	3.8	4.2	4.0	N/A	3.25	N/A	3.75	4.0	low, spreading compact habit; apple-green foliage w/gold-tipped new growth, "cheerful"; soft pink flowers; doing well in partial ; "best of the yellow-foliage cvs. we saw"; <b>AGM*</b>	

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<i>E. c.</i> 'Golden Starlet'	<b>3.5</b>	3.9	2.6	N/A	3.25	N/A	3.75	4.0	low, compact habit; lime-yellow "chlorotic-looking" foliage; "unexciting" white flowers; <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. c.</i> 'Loughrigg'	<b>3.2</b>	2.8	3.0	N/A	2.5	N/A	3.67	4.0	low, compact growth habit, but a few dead spots (too much shade?); green foliage; pink flowers; "so-so"; <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. c.</i> 'Myretoun Ruby'	<b>4.2</b>	4.2	3.8	N/A	5.0	N/A	3.75	4.0	low, spreading, compact habit; dark green foliage; profuse rich, ruby-red flowers; "rich color is like no others we saw" <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. c.</i> 'Pink Cloud'	<b>3.8</b>	4.4	2.75	N/A	3.75	N/A	4.0	4.0	low, spreading, compact habit; bright green foliage; abundant dark pink flowers	
<i>E. c.</i> 'Porter's Red'	<b>3.7</b>	3.4	3.0	N/A	4.5	N/A	3.34	4.0	low, spreading, somewhat open habit; bright green foliage; deep reddish pink flowers; flowers contrast well w/foliage <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. c.</i> 'Rubinteppich'	<b>4.4</b>	5.0	4.8	N/A	4.6	N/A	3.75	4.0	low, spreading but upright compact habit; dark gray green foliage; profuse dark purple-red flowers; growing with some shade and doing well; "outstanding"	
<i>E. c.</i> 'Springwood White'	<b>4.0</b>	4.25	4.0	N/A	4.25	N/A	3.67	4.0	low, spreading, dense habit; medium green foliage; abundant white flowers; <b>AGM*</b>	

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<i>E. c.</i> 'Startler'	<b>4.0</b>	4.4	3.6	N/A	4.4	N/A	3.75	4.0	low, spreading, compact habit; medium green foliage mostly hidden by flowers; profuse pink flowers w/ a two-toned effect; "better than Springwood Pink"	
<i>E. c.</i> 'Vivelli'	<b>3.7</b>	3.5	3.3	N/A	3.9	N/A	3.75	4.0	low, spreading, "ragged" habit; green foliage; profuse small dark pink flowers <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. x darleyensis</i> 'Archie Graham'	<b>3.5</b>	3.8	3.0	N/A	2.75	N/A	4.0	4.0	rounded "bun" habit; dark green but not entirely attractive foliage; sparse bright pink flowers	
<i>E. x d.</i> 'Furzey'	<b>4.2</b>	4.6	4.3	N/A	4.5	N/A	3.75	4.0	compact mounding habit; green foliage; nice pink flowers but a bit sparse on one side; only one specimen (an older plant) observed, could be past it's peak <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. x d.</i> 'Jenny Porter'	<b>4.0</b>	4.6	3.6	N/A	4.1	N/A	3.5	4.0	compact mounding habit; bright green foliage; lots of soft pink flowers; a few plants displayed some leaf loss but not sure why; <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. x d.</i> 'Kramer's Rote'	<b>4.2</b>	4.5	4.6	N/A	4.0	N/A	3.75	4.0	upright bushy mounding habit; dark "spruce" green foliage; reddish purple flowers "held at varying angles to create a busy texture which I like" <b>AGM*</b>	

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<i>E. x d.</i> 'Mary Helen'	<b>3.0</b>	2.8	2.2	N/A	2.6	N/A	3.75	4.0	semi-open, uneven habit; dull green foliage; "no-hum" lilac pink flowers; "so-so"	
<i>E. x d.</i> 'Silberschmelze'	<b>3.8</b>	3.2	3.0	N/A	4.0	N/A	4.34	4.34	low mounding habit, green foliage; white flowers with brownish-black tips; "tough plants but not exciting"	
<i>E. x d.</i> 'White Perfection'	<b>4.4</b>	5.0	4.4	N/A	5.0	N/A	3.75	4.0	dense mounding habit, "one of the most shapely"; "grass" green foliage; profuse bright creamy white; plants observed in four locations and all doing well; <b>AGM*</b>	
<i>E. erigena</i> 'Brightness' (syn. <i>E. mediterranea</i> 'Brightness')	<b>3.9</b>	2.6	3.8	N/A	3.4	N/A	4.75	4.75	tall growth habit (to 5') but a bit too open for some; bluish gray-green foliage; pale lilac flowers	

**Notes:**

\*AGM= Award of Garden Merit, bestowed by the Royal Horticultural Society in Britain.

All plants were free of pests and observable diseases. Some plants displayed a rangy habit or dead leaves, but it wasn't determined whether this was due to disease or cultural problems.