

Alpine azalea

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The dwarf azalea is a dense carpet-forming sub-shrub. The stems, which lie close to the ground, have small, oval, leathery evergreen leaves with borders that curl towards the underside. The tiny flowers are pink and 5-petalled. Despite the colour of the flowers, the plant can go unnoticed because it is so low to the ground. It is a characteristic species of windy hilltops or high moors on acidic soil.

Not to confuse

The crowberry (*Empetrum nigrum* subsp. *hermaphroditum*) has round, black and shiny fruits (red and more or less oval for the azalea)



Common names

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Environment

Mountain and subalpine heathland, high altitude heathland

Altitude

2150-2650 m

Season

- june-september

Size

3 to 6 cm

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