

# Rosebay Willowherb

*Epilobium angustifolium* L., 1753

This perennial plant forms numerous offshoots from the stump, giving large flower beds where it is planted. Its large glabrous\* stem bears a multitude of long, narrow leaves. Its numerous purplish flowers are grouped in a beautiful terminal spike. In late summer, the plant produces innumerable tiny seeds, surrounded by long bristles, which ensure exceptional wind resistance.

\*Glabrous: in botany, a leaf or stem is hairless when it is not covered with hairs or thorns.

## Not to confuse

Other alpine willowherbs have very narrow leaves and do not even reach 50 cm in height.



## Common names

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## Environment

Forest edges and moraines

## Altitude

750-3000 m

## Season

- may-october

## Size

80 to 180 cm

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