

Alpenrose

Rhododendron ferrugineum L., 1753

This shrub has flexible yet strong branches that allow it to bend under the snow without breaking. Its leaves are dark green and shiny on top, with a surprising "rusty" colour on the underside (hence the name "ferruginous"). Its numerous flowers, which bloom in the middle of summer, are bright pink and are particularly attractive to pollinators.

Not to confuse

The hairy rhododendron (*R. hirsutum*), as its name suggests, has leaves with hairy borders, without the rusty appearance on the underside. Moreover, this species only grows on limestone.



Common names

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Environment

Mountain and subalpine heaths

Altitude

900-3000 m

Season

- july-september

Size

50 to 100 cm

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