



THE HEATHER SOCIETY

acting as

INTERNATIONAL CULTIVAR REGISTRATION AUTHORITY

certifies that

***Erica verticillata* 'Louisa Bolus'**

has been registered by

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REGISTRAR _____
on behalf of The Heather Society

DATE _____

The characteristics of this Cape heath at the time of registration were

Bushy, medium-sized shrub, to average height of 1.4–1.6m, old specimens to 2.0m; 0.7–1.0m broad.

Flowers pink (paler than 'Adonis'), tubular, 20mm long, 4mm diameter; arranged in terminal 4- or 5-flowered (rarely 3- or 6-flowered) umbels, on very short lateral branches arranged in whorls.

Viable seed produced.

Synflorescences spike-like, not neat, each with up to 6 whorls of flowering branches on strong, erect, main branches; terminal apex of the stem continuing growth.

Non-flowering lateral branches on the main flowering stems to 3cm long, arranged in whorls of 6.

Foliage green, leaves to 5mm long, appearing crowded.

Very like 'Adonis' which has darker flowers. Smaller and bushier than 'African Phoenix', with less orderly synflorescences; overall thicker, heavier and bushier in appearance.

Origins: accession number 272/12; propagated from what was apparently one large, old specimen, growing in a forest clearing behind the braille trail at Kirstenbosch. Progeny had pale and dark flowers: the darker clone is 'Adonis'. These are believed to be remnant seedlings from an early collection, possibly the one made for Kirstenbosch by Mrs Bolus in 1917.

It was rediscovered by Senior Foreman Adonis Adonis in 1990.

Cultivar registration number: E.2012:12