

# Herrizas



*Lavandula stoechas*



*Cistus crispus*



*Drosophyllum lusitanicum*



*Erica scoparia*

The "herrizas" are the summits of the hills, with shallow stony soils with little organic matter, where only small and undemanding plants (heather, lavender, rockrose, etc.) can develop. Its name refers to the reddish colour of the earth due to the accumulation of iron salts. These soils are also rich in aluminium,

a material toxic for many plants. Under these conditions, these places are of great botanical interest due to the presence, for example, of one of the few natural carnivorous plants in Europe: *Drosophyllum lusitanicum*, a species classified as vulnerable and, therefore, protected by Andalusian law.

