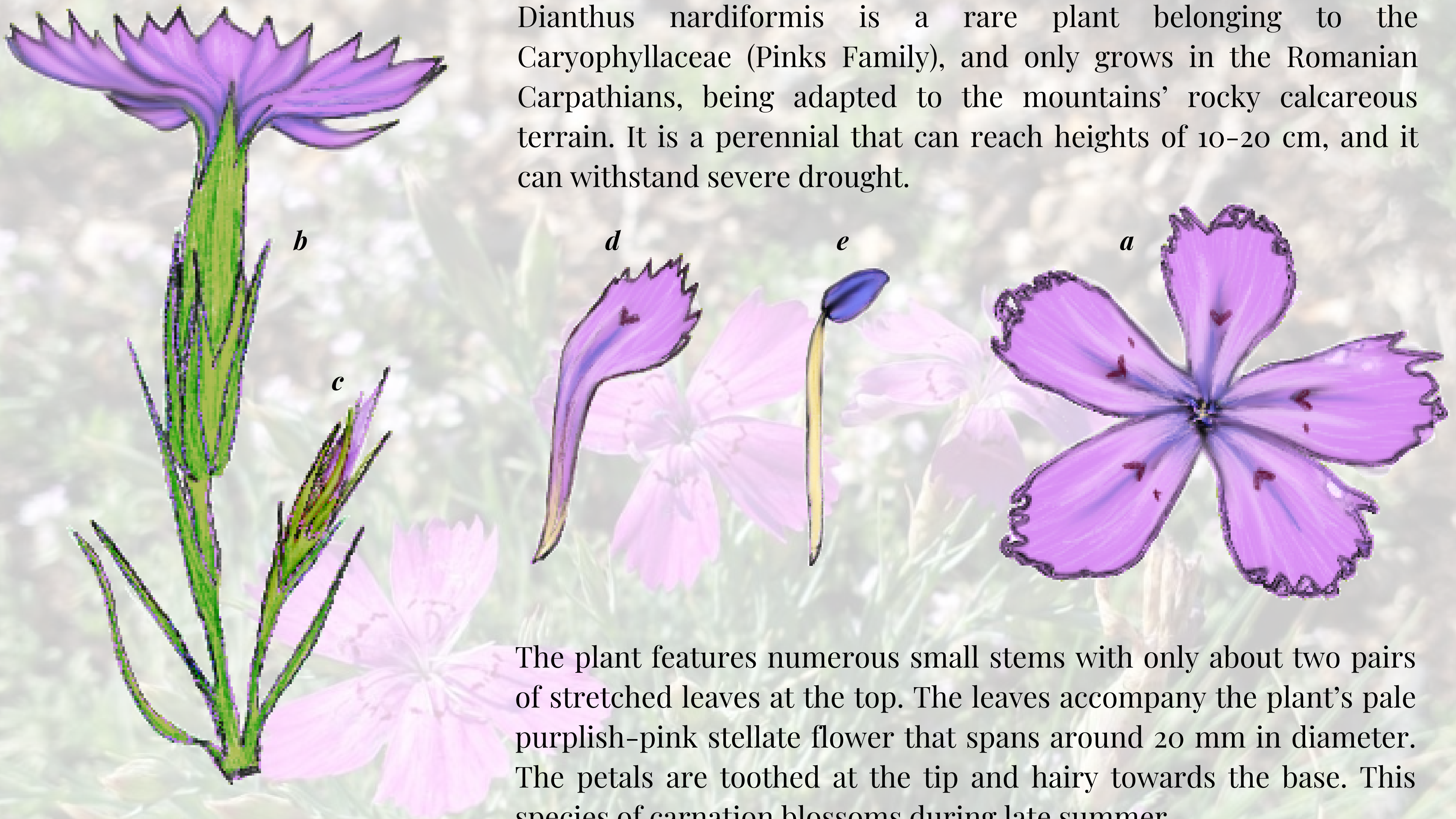


Dianthus nardiformis

Dianthus nardiformis is a rare plant belonging to the Caryophyllaceae (Pinks Family), and only grows in the Romanian Carpathians, being adapted to the mountains' rocky calcareous terrain. It is a perennial that can reach heights of 10-20 cm, and it can withstand severe drought.



The plant features numerous small stems with only about two pairs of stretched leaves at the top. The leaves accompany the plant's pale purplish-pink stellate flower that spans around 20 mm in diameter. The petals are toothed at the tip and hairy towards the base. This species of carnation blossoms during late summer.

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Legend:

a. flower

b. sepal

c. bud

d. petal

e. stamen

f. stem