

## THYME

*Thymus*



Orange

**Orange** – Grows to reach 38 cm in height. This variety is a shrub with pale lilac flowers and sweet fruity blue – grey leaves. This variety has a strong scent and flavour without the bitter after taste. Plants will need to be replaced every two years. Prefers warm, dry climates. Prefers full sun or partial shade and a light drained soil. Does not need very rich soil. Sow seeds in spring or autumn and in clumps with damp seed raising mix. When seedlings are 10 cm tall they can be transplanted into the garden. Do not over water. Fertiliser is not needed. Fresh leaves and flowers can be picked as required.



Pulegloides

**Pulegloides** – This variety is a broad leaved type. This is also a bushy type with mauve – pink flowers and large round leaves which are strongly flavoured. It will reach 38 cm in height. Plants should be replaced every two years. Better suited to warm dry climates. Prefers full sun to partial shade. Prefers a well drained soil. Sow seeds in spring or autumn. Seeds should germinate within a week. Plant in trays to start with and once they reach 10 cm high you can transplant to outside. Do not over water. Fresh leaves and flowers can be picked as required.



Serphyllum

**Serphyllum** – This variety can be used as a ground cover. This variety is a creeping variety. It has slender creeping stems and round leaves with lavender blooms. Leaves gives off a strong scent. Height is between 5 – 10 cm. Prefers a sunny position. This variety is frost, wind and drought tolerant. Prefers a well drained soil. Plants will need to be replaced every two years. Sown in spring or autumn. Sow into trays and cover lightly, transplant when large enough to handle. Avoid over watering. Prune back regularly. Pruning is essential in very humid areas.



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## Seeds

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**Summer** – This variety is a superb culinary thyme. It has a spicier, more pungent flavour than the winter. It is also a smaller plant. This variety will need replacing every two years. Prefers warm dry climates. Prefers full sun to partial shade. It will require a well drained soil. Sow seeds in spring or summer in clumps in trays indoors until seedlings reach 10 cm high transplant outside. Do not over water. Germination is within fourteen days. No fertiliser needed. Fresh leaves and flowers can be picked as needed.



**Winter** – This variety will reach 38cm high, it is a bushy type. Flowers are pale lilac blue. The leaves are tiny silver – green aromatic leaves. The whole plant is used fresh or dried in many dishes. This variety is a common garden thyme. Prefers warm & dry climates. Prefers full sunlight to partial shade. Requires a well drained soil. Sow seeds in spring or autumn indoors in trays until seedlings reach 10cm then they can be transplanted outdoors. Do not over water. Fresh leaves and flowers can be picked as needed.