

Thyme

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This description is for *Thyme (Thymus)*:

Should never be far from a roast chicken.

Its common name is Thyme and it has been one of the most used herbs for centuries, but the *Thymus* genus includes a vast range of more than 350 species. Mostly semi-woody perennials, their foliage provides an unmistakably refreshing aroma thanks to the oils contained in very fine hairs on its tiny grey-green leaves. Its stems are wiry, but when flowering, it becomes awash with tiny pink, white or lavender blossoms, depending on the particular species. Thyme loves a range of soil types, from moist to well-drained and neutral to alkaline, and the sun. With its aroma and an ability to repel pests, it is a great addition to any garden.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Flowers & bulbs Perennials
Height [m] 0.4	Hardiness zone Z4-9	Grown for Fragrant flowers and foliage

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Spread [m] 0.45	Heat zone H9-1	Creative category Kid Approved For Beginners Colours Bonsai For birds & bees For every season Tough survivors
Dominant flower colour White	Winter temperatures [°C] -34 - -1	Garden type Cottage garden Rock garden
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 150	Garden spaces Flower beds Borders
Flowering seasons Early spring Mid spring Late spring	Moisture well-drained	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in spring Green	Soil type sandy chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in summer Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Foliage in Autumn Green	Exposure Sheltered	
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings softwood cuttings seed division root cuttings		
Growth habit Mound-forming		