

PERENNIAL

PROPAGATION

Thymus 'Elfin' & 'Red Creeping'

Thymus praecox



TRAY & ROOTING

Form	Unrooted Cuttings (URC)
Rooting Hormone	No
Tray Size	105, 200
Plants Per Cell	1 or 2
Days In Mist	5-7
Wks. From Stick To Transplant	4-5
Pinch?	Yes
Days from stick to pinch	14-21

FERTILITY

Fertilize Through Mist?	No
Fertilizer Rate	50-75 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16 [15-0-15 under low-light conditions])
EC Range	2.0-3.5 mS via SME
pH Range	5.8-6.2

TEMPERATURE

Average Soil Temperature	65-72°F (18-22°C)
Average Air Temperature	65-72°F (18-22°C)

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles
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LIGHT

Supplemental	No
Benefits From Shade?	No

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Botrytis, Root Rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

Aphids, Snails/Slugs

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- None



'Red Creeping'

TIPS

- Do not over water in prop. Consider using multiple cuttings per cell for a full, well-branched product.
- Herbs are regulated as edible crops in both the USA and Canada. Only apply fungicides, insecticides, and PGRs that are approved for edible crop production in your state/province.

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FINISHING

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VERNALIZATION

Vernalization Required?	Yes
Vernalization Duration Minimum	6-8 weeks
Vernalization Temperature	35-40°F (1.6-4.4°C)

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	TRANSPLANT TO FINISH (WEEKS)
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4 in./Qt. (10-12 cm)	1	4-6
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6 in./Gal. (15-16 cm)	1	6-8
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FERTILITY

Fertilizer Rate	100-150 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16 [15-0-15 under low-light conditions])
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EC Range	2.0-3.5 mS via SME
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pH Range	5.8-6.2
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TEMPERATURE

Day Temperature	65-75°F (18-24°C)
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Night Temperature	55-65°F (13-18°C)
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IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles
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LIGHT

Photoperiodic requirements	Long Day Facultative: 12+ Hours Daily
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Supplemental?	None
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Benefits From Shade?	No
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PINCHING

Finishing Pinch?	Yes
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Transplant to pinch (days)	14-21
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POTENTIAL DISEASES

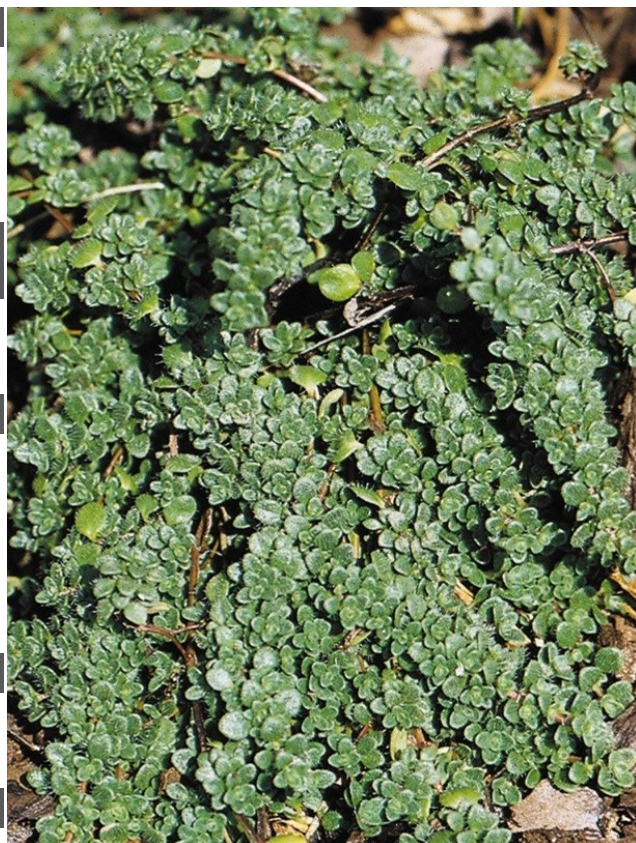
Botrytis, Root Rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

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PGR SUGGESTIONS

- None



'Elfin'

TIPS

- Tone Thyme with cool night temperatures.
- Plants are ready to ship when runners reach the side of the pot.
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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

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KEY INFORMATION

First Year Flowering?	Yes
Bloom Time	Summer
Exposure	Full Sun
Hardiness Zone	5-9
Height	2-4 inches (5-10 cm)
Width	12-24 inches (30-60 cm)

DESCRIPTION

Used more regularly as a flowering perennial than an herb, *Thymus praecox* creates a sea of pinks and purples when in bloom. Prior to flowering, *Thymus praecox* can be used in salads, meat or poultry marinades, pasta dishes, and herbal teas.

CONSUMER APPEAL

- Herbs and edibles are a trendy addition to any garden regardless of gardening experience. Children in particular should be included in the multi-sensory experience of an herb garden. Encourage them to touch, crush, smell, taste, and immerse themselves in the wonderful charm of herbs.
- The potent taste and fragrance of herbs makes them naturally resistant to rabbits, deer, and most herbivorous insects.

GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- Can be grown effectively in-between stepping stones.
- Herbs can be a clever and unorthodox addition to cut flower arrangements to create a truly zesty bouquet. Or, dry your herbs to enjoy them out-of-season
- Thyme prefers dry to medium moisture soils that are well-drained.

COMPANION PLANTS

French tarragon, lemon verbena, lemon balm, mint, basil, oregano, rosemary, sage, sweet marjoram, stevia

COMMON NAME(S)

Thyme, Wild Thyme, Creeping Thyme, Mother of Thyme



'Red Creeping'

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