

Emory Knoll Farms

Thymus serpyllum

This common herb is an excellent green roof plant, providing year-round interest including a wonderful aromatic scent. Great to use on a culinary roof, it is very drought tolerant. Flowers bloom in several shades of purple, from dark violet-blue to lavender or lilac-pink. Flowers attract pollinators, when in bloom. Foliage comprised of tiny leaves forms a low, dense mat that stays green through the winter in most areas. Foliage may take on some hints of purple in the coldest months, or when stressed. Leaves are a soft dark green color and slightly fuzzy in appearance. They give off a sweet or minty aroma when crushed or in the summer sun. This plant will tolerate some shade. It will benefit from a deeper soil profile or mounded green roof media, and will need regular watering to become established.

CHARACTERISTICS

Foliage Color: Gray/green

Flower Color: Purple

Bloom Time: Midsummer to autumn

Winter Interest: Green



BOTANICAL INFORMATION

Place of Origin: Northern Europe

Hardiness Zone: 5

Height: 4" Spread: 18"

Self-sowing: No

Light Requirement: Full sun to partial shade

Plant Use: Accent/Groundcover



PLANT SIZE

Deep nursery plug
3" deep x 1.5" across at the top

PLANT SPACING

Typically planted at 2-3 plugs
per square foot

PLANTING MEDIUM

Green Roof Growing Medium
6" Min. Depth



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