



Description

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 butterflies and bees when in bloom. Foliage comprised of tiny leaves forms a low, dense mat that stays predominately green through the winter, although it 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 growing in a deeper soil profile or mounded green roof media, and will need regular watering to become established. Great plant to attract pollinators.

Profile

- **Botanical Name:** Thymus serpyllum
- **Family:** Lamiaceae
- **Plant Type:** Hardy Perennial
- **Plant Usage:** Ground cover, Accent
- **Hardiness Zone:** 5
- **Foliage Color:** Grey-Green
- **Flower Color:** Shades of Purple
- **Bloom Time:** Midsummer to Autumn
- **Winter Interest:** Green Foliage, with Some Reddish Tint
- **Height:** 4"
- **Spread:** 18"
- **Light Requirement:** Full Sun to Partial Shade
- **Origin:** Northern Europe
- **Self Sowing:** No
- **Shade Tolerant:** Partial
- **Substitutes:** [Phlox subulata](#),