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## PROPAGATION

# *Thymus Open Cultivar(s)*

*Thymus praecox*



### TRAY & ROOTING

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

### CULTIVAR LIST

Elfin, Red Creeping

### FERTILITY

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

### TEMPERATURE

Average Soil Temperature	<b>65-72°F (18-22°C)</b>
Average Air Temperature	<b>65-72°F (18-22°C)</b>

### IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	<b>Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles</b>
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### LIGHT

Supplemental	<b>No</b>
Benefits From Shade?	<b>No</b>

### POTENTIAL DISEASES

Botrytis

### POTENTIAL PESTS

aphids

### PGR SUGGESTIONS

- None



'Red Creeping'

### TIPS

- Do not overwater 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?	<b>No</b>
Vernalization Duration Minimum	<b>N/A</b>
Vernalization Temperature	<b>N/A</b>

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	TRANSPLANT TO FINISH (WEEKS)
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<b>4 in./qt (10-12 cm)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5-6</b>
<b>6 in./Gal. (15-16 cm)</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>6-8</b>

## FERTILITY

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

## TEMPERATURE

Day Temperature	<b>65-75°F (18-24°C)</b>
Night Temperature	<b>55-65°F (13-18°C)</b>

## IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	<b>Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles</b>
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## LIGHT

Photoperiodic requirements	<b>Long day: 12+ hours daily</b>
Supplemental?	<b>None</b>
Benefits From Shade?	<b>No</b>

## PINCHING

Finishing Pinch?	<b>Yes</b>
Transplant to pinch (days)	<b>14-21</b>

## POTENTIAL DISEASES

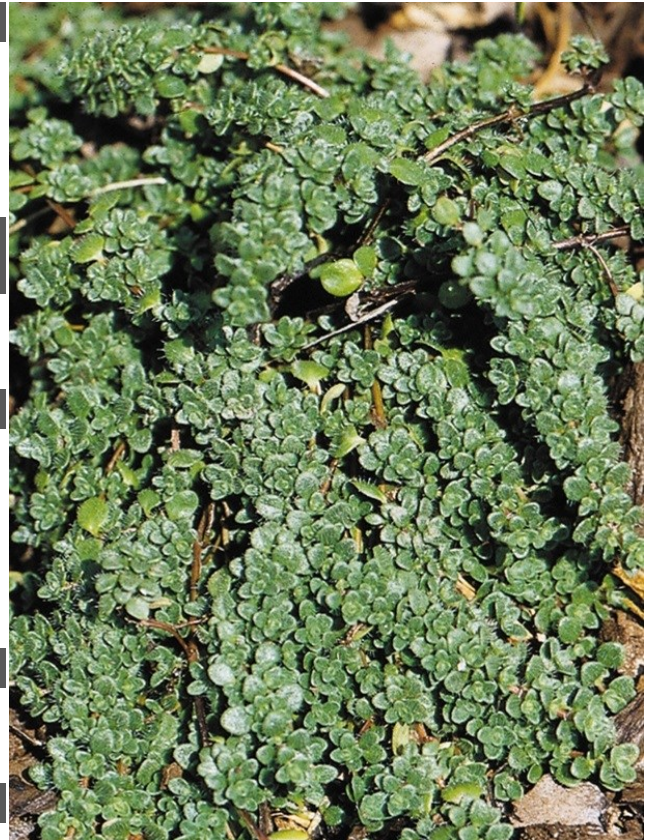
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## POTENTIAL PESTS

aphids

## 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?	<b>Yes</b>
Bloom Time	<b>Late Spring to Mid Summer</b>
Exposure	<b>Full Sun</b>
Hardiness Zone	<b>4-10</b>
Height	<b>2-6 inches (5-15 cm)</b>
Width	<b>12-24 inches (30-60 cm)</b>

### 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.

### NATIVITY

Europe

### 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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