**Thymus vulgaris**  
(Common Thyme)

Thymus vulgaris is native to Southern Europe. It can tolerate drought and rocky soil, as long as it is exposed to full light and is put in alkaline to neutral soil, which has sand or loam characteristics. Oregano or thyme is a herb, its evergreen and its leaf represent the edible part. Used as a ground cover, in rock garden.

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<td><strong>French Name:</strong> Thymus Vulgaris</td>
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<td><strong>Arabic Name:</strong> الغدة الصغرية الشائع</td>
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<td><strong>Prononciation:</strong> TY-muss vul-GAIR-iss</td>
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<td><strong>Plant Type:</strong> Groundcover</td>
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<td><strong>Origin:</strong> Southern Europe</td>
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<td><strong>Heat Zones:</strong> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9</td>
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<td><strong>Hardiness Zones:</strong> 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9</td>
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<td><strong>Uses:</strong> Mass Planting, Container, Edible, Medicinal, Extensive Green Roof, Ground cover</td>
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<td><strong>Growth Rate:</strong> Moderate</td>
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<td><strong>Tree Shape:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Height at Maturity:</strong> Less than 0.5 m, 0.5 to 1 m</td>
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<td><strong>Spread at Maturity:</strong> Less than 50 cm, 0.5 to 1 meter, Over 15 meters</td>
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<td><strong>Time to Ultimate Height:</strong> 2 to 5 Years</td>
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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage
- **Leaf Arrangement:** Whorled
- **Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible
- **Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen
- **Leaf Type:** Simple
- **Leaf Blade:** Less than 5
- **Leaf Shape:** Ovate
- **Leaf Margins:** Entire
- **Leaf Textures:** Fine
- **Leaf Scent:** Pleasant
- **Color (growing season):** Green
- **Color (changing season):** Green

#### Flower
- **Flower Showiness:** True
- **Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5
- **Flower Type:** Cyme
- **Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)
- **Flower Scent:** Pleasant
- **Flower Color:** Purple, White
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer

#### Fruit
- **Fruit Showiness:** False
- **Seasons:** Spring, Summer
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Horticulture Management

**Tolerance**
- Frost Tolerant: Yes
- Heat Tolerant: No
- Drought Tolerant: Yes
- Salt Tolerance: Poor

**Requirements**
- Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand
- Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline
- Water Requirements: Low
- Light Requirements: Full

**Management**
- Toxity: No
- Invasive Potential: No
- Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No
- Surface Rooting: No
- Life Span: Less than 25
- Diseases: Root rot
- Edible Parts: Leaf
- Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering