

## California-Friendly Plant: Thyme

You already know thyme as an herb that belongs on your spice rack, but did you know it's also an attractive and fragrant addition to your California-Friendly garden?

Common thyme, *Thymus vulgaris*, grows a foot high and two feet wide and blooms in white or lilac-colored flowers. It is ideal for herb or rock gardens or as a low edging, and also can be grown in containers. Some varieties, such as creeping thyme, make good groundcovers as well.



Creeping thyme, *Thymus serpyllum*, grows just three inches high but spreads three feet wide.

In addition to its beauty and aroma, thyme is also great to cook with and can trim your food bill – making it one of the most useful members of your water-wise garden. Check with your local nursery or gardening center to see what varieties are available.

### **Thyme**

*Thymus vulgaris, Thymus serpyllum*

Season: Late spring, early summer

Size: 1-2 feet

Color: White and purple flowers

Water: Low

Sun: Full sun or light shade