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Purple Carpet Creeping Thyme

Thymus praecox 'Purple Carpet'

Plant Height: 2 inches

Flower Height: 3 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Mother-of-Thyme, Creeping Thyme

Description:

A highly desirable and popular groundcover, forming a dense low mat completely covered in lavender-purple flowers throughout summer, attractive fine and fragrant foliage the rest of the season; needs a dry and sunny location, can take light foot traffic

Ornamental Features

Purple Carpet Creeping Thyme is smothered in stunning purple flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. Its attractive tiny fragrant round leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Carpet Creeping Thyme is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.



Purple Carpet Creeping Thyme flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Purple Carpet Creeping Thyme in bloom
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This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Purple Carpet Creeping Thyme is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Herb Gardens

Planting & Growing

Purple Carpet Creeping Thyme will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.



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