



## Santa Rosa County Cooperative Extension Teaching and Demonstration Gardens



## Lemon Thyme

## Thymus citriodorus

Lemon thyme is an herb in the mint family. It adds a citrus overtone to the usual thyme flavor and can be used fresh or dried as a seasoning in many dishes. It can be used in any recipe calling for lemon juice, lemon zest or lemon flavoring. Lemon thyme is a bushy, evergreen sub-shrub that's easy to grow and can tolerate poor soils and drought. It's also resistant to deer and rabbits. When rubbed on the skin Lemon Thyme has 62% as much bug repellant ability as Deep Woods OFF. Do a skin test for allergies first.

**Type:** perennial herb

**USDA hardiness zones:** 5 through 9

**Uses:** herb; butterfly garden; edible garden;

pollinator garden; border; mass planting; ground cover

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 6 to 12 inches

**Spread:** 6 to 12 inches

Plant spacing: 6 to 12 inches

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: sand; silt; loam; acidic to

slightly alkaline

Drought tolerance: good

Soil salt tolerances: moderate

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: no significant problems

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