

**Botanical Name:** *Thymus pseudolanuginosus*

**Common Name:** Woolly Thyme

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## GROUNDCOVER



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Lamiaceae,  
**Origin:** Southern Europe  
**Climate Zone:** USDA 5-8, Sunset A2, A3, 1-24, 28-43  
**Mature Height:** 6 inches  
**Mature Width:** 1 foot  
**Plant Type:** Evergreen  
**Growth Habit:** Prostrate, creeping, hugs the ground  
**Growth Rate:** Slow  
**Flower Color/Details:** Pale pink, sparse, seldom  
**Flower Season:** Summer  
**Bark:** N/A  
**Fruit:** N/A  
**Foliage:** Gray-green hairy leaves grow in whorls around an erect, hairy stalk  
**Use:** Groundcover, between pavers, container, border, rock garden, massed, spilling over walls, pond borders, pathways, lawn substitute in low-traffic areas, tolerates some foot traffic  
**Floral:** N/A  
**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Attracts bees, butterflies  
**Deer Resistant:** Yes and rabbit resistant  
**Fire Resistant:** Unknown  
**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown  
**Adverse Factors:** Dies quickly if overwatered

**Soil:** Adaptable, well drained  
**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade  
**Water Requirements:** Moderate, drought tolerant  
**WUCOLS Water Needs:** M M M M M M  
**UC Davis Arboretum All-Star:** No  
**Description:** Perennial groundcover can control erosion on sloping ground when well-rooted. Lacks heavy scent or flavor. Was formerly known as *Thymus lanuginosus*, now also classified as *Thymus praecox* subsp. *Britannicus*.  
**Maintenance:** Plant in well-drained soil, struggles in moist soil. Divide in spring or early fall to promote spread, if have difficulty in taking root, buy new stock to expand planting. Allow top 3 inches of soil to dry out between waterings, frost tolerant.



Nursery Flat