

# Doone Valley Thyme



Very fragrant underfoot along pathways and between flagstone. A



favorite with us because of its intense lemon scent (much more so than common lemon thyme). It grows with a mounding habit, blooming heavily in summer with large pink flower clusters.

## *Thymus 'Doone Valley'*

- **Use:** Green throughout most of summer and fall, Doone Valley Thyme enters its variegated stage in the cool of Spring. Heavily scented of lemon, it makes a nice little mat or mound for filling in and around taller plants like Grape Sage or Lemon Verbena. Each plant spreads to about 18 inches and produces 3 or 4 inch long flower heads full of pink flowers. If a flatter ground cover is desired, these flowers should be sheared off after bloom. If they are left, the thyme will crawl over the spent flowers, adding height to the mound.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Tolerates full sun to part shade. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry to start. Little water needed once established. Good drainage is key, red clay must be amended with sand and fine rock for best results. No standing water.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower 2" tall(4" tall in bloom) x 10" wide and continues to spread by underground shoots.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5/6-9, Perennial
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Not a cooking thyme. The Lemon scent does not hold up in cooking as regular Lemon Thyme does. However, both the leaves and the blossoms can be used as brilliantly colored, fragrant garnish. Or, you can leave the flowers for the bees. Bees love all blooming thymes.
- **Flower:** Blooms in summer with lots of pink flower clusters covering the plant.