

Foxley Thyme (Broad leaf variegated)

Thymus pulegioides 'Foxley'



Height: 20cm (8in)

Suitable for: Sunny well drained spot. Containers, rockeries and paths.

Summary: Foxley is a variegated version of the green broad leaf thyme. The dark green glossy leaves are splashed with cream in irregular variegations. Excellent for both culinary and ornamental planting.

More information:

This is an attractive plant for the garden, with mounds of shiny green and cream variegated foliage and dark pink flowers in summer. It is perfect planted as an ornamental in rockeries, paths or a gravel garden, as well as being a useful part of the herb garden.

Like all thymes it should be trimmed hard after flowering to ensure lots of new shoots for use in the kitchen and also to keep the plant neat and compact.

Foxley thyme has an excellent flavour for cooking, the leaves are softer than common thyme and easier to chop.

Thyme is traditionally used with meat and in sauces, stuffing, stews and soups. More unusually it can be an interesting addition to salads. Foxley thyme is particularly good to use raw in salads, both of vegetables and fruit, as the leaves are softer, and not as chewy as common thyme, when served uncooked.

Midsummer Fruit Salad

3 nectarines – halved, stoned and sliced

250 g seedless grapes

2 thin skinned oranges – peeled and sliced

250 g seasonal soft fruit i.e. loganberries, raspberries, strawberries.

125 g blueberries.

3 tbs brandy

250 ml orange juice

1 tbs each of [thyme](#), [lemon balm](#) and fruity mint ([lime](#) or [pineapple](#)) – chopped

The fruit content of this salad is infinitely variable, according to the season.

Put the prepared fruit into a pretty serving bowl and sprinkle over the herbs. Pour over the juice and the brandy and mix gently. The juice maybe sweetened if desired before adding to the fruit.

Chill the salad in the fridge for 2 hours before serving.