

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Thymus praecox 'Coccineus' · specialist name Coccineus Group
Delivery size	Each in a 9 cm pot · approx. 10–25 cm total height · different quantity sets
Family	Lamiaceae
Flower colour	Strong pink to carmine red
Flowering	Summer; onset depends on weather and position
Lifespan	Perennial hardy low thyme
Planting time	Preferably spring or early autumn in frost-free workable ground
Growth height	Roughly 10 cm mature; delivery total height 10–25 cm is measured differently
Spacing	Roughly 20–30 cm as guidance for a later carpet
Position	Sunny; lean to moderately nutritious, very well-drained soil

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Sun	Choose a sunny border edge or open container.	The low crown should receive enough light.
Soil	Keep very well drained and rather lean.	Winter wetness threatens cushions.
Spacing	Plan roughly 20–30 cm as a starting point.	Root balls should grow together later.
Establishment	Supply freshly planted root balls as needed.	Drought tolerance requires rooting in.
Pot	Check the small soil volume separately in heat.	A rock-garden image does not ban watering.
Pruning	Trim lightly in green areas after flowering.	Do not routinely cut bare old sections hard.
Winter	Avoid wet leaf layers and standing water.	Air and drainage support low growth.
Nutrients	No strong extra supply out of habit.	Consider existing soil and growth.

Knowledge that grows

The edge gains colour between small leaves

Coccineus begins as a low green plant with very small leaves. Later, densely placed strong pink to carmine-red flowers can cover the carpet. This change stands out beside gravel, a dry wall or a narrow border edge. The young-plant scene and enlarged later flower idea show different developmental stages. They do not promise delivery plants arriving as a closed flowering carpet. The desired area grows from several small root balls only over time.

Set size determines planning, not the individual species

The assortment has quantity sets of six, twelve, twenty-four, forty-eight and sixty plants. Their child articles remain separately assigned. Each nursery pot has the described 9-cm reference; stated total height is not botanical carpet height without container. Lay root balls out on the area before planting. Roughly twenty to thirty centimetres spacing helps orientation. For a narrow band, a loose line may make more sense than pushing the whole set closely into a small box.

The sunny area needs rapid drainage

A bright sunny position and very well-drained soil form the foundation. Low cushions should not sit in a wet hollow after rain. In a container, choose drainage holes and a suitable permeable mix. Plant small root balls at their previous height and settle soil gently. A decorative top layer of gravel alone does not make very heavy ground suitable. Check whether water can drain in the actual root zone. Later carpet effect follows good starting conditions, not planting as deep as possible.

The carpet becomes drought-tolerant only after establishment

Check newly planted root balls during establishment and supply as needed. Established thyme later copes better with drier periods. A small pot beside hot stone still needs its own attention. Lift a shoot carefully so the root-ball centre stays reachable. Avoid excess winter wetness. Moist leaves left between plants can be removed. This keeps low growth airy without forcefully tearing fine shoots apart during every check.

After flowering, maintain only the green form

A light cut after flowering can keep the area more even. Cut within leafy growth and preserve healthy green sections. A strong cut into old bare wood is no necessary annual duty. Abundant extra fertiliser does not automatically beautify a low sunny carpet. Observe existing soil and growth first. Mark individual gaps in the plant book; this shows whether wetness, shade or a not-yet-established plant makes the difference there.

The spring-thyme name does not replace a flowering calendar

The shop title calls it spring thyme while the specialist description places this Coccineus group's flowers in summer. Exact onset shifts with cultivation and weather. The international thyme registrar treats Coccineus as a group; historical species assignments are not identical everywhere. The shop name remains findable here and the specialist name is explained in addition. The particular low carmine form matters for garden planning. Observing the first flowering day is more useful than a rigid promise for a particular spring month.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



AI-created botanical detail of a later-developed flowering thyme carpet. Not a depiction of delivery condition or set quantity.



Original shop illustration with young nursery pot and example flower development. Individual 9-cm pots do not yet form a closed flowering carpet; different quantity sets.

Good to know

Are set quantities separate plant species?

No. Quantities have their own child articles but refer to the same Coccineus selection.

Is the flower photograph the delivery condition?

The flowering close-up shows possible later development, not the contents of one shipping pot.

When does spring thyme flower?

Summer flowering is mainly described for Coccineus; position and weather change onset.

How closely do I plant?

Roughly 20-30 cm provides guidance; consider area and desired development.

Must I cut into old wood?

No. Keep light shaping within healthy leafy areas.

The matching offer

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