PLANT FACT SHEET

Thymus caespititius Brot.

GENUS *Thymus* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Azores thyme, Cretan thyme

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - flavouring

The leaves have a tangerine-like scent and are used for flavouring custards.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It grows 10-30 cm tall. The leaves are narrow and spoon shaped. They are 6 mm long. They have a fringe of tiny hairs. The flowers are red or white and in small flattened heads.

HABITAT

It is a temperate or Mediterranean climate plant. In Melbourne Botanical gardens. It suits USDA hardiness zones 9-11.

PICTURES



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