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Melissa officinalis var. *variegata*

VARIEGATED LEMON BALM is a perennial with white-striped flowers.

Officinalis means ‘of the shop (usually the apothecary’s or herbalist’s)’. Certain plants used for medicinal purposes, whether of actual or legendary value, were kept readily available and acquired this name. *Variegata* means ‘variegated or irregularly coloured’ with reference to the leaves.