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Thymus drucei aureus

[Synonyms : *Thymus serpyllum aureus*]

GOLDEN CREEPING THYME is an evergreen perennial with rose-purple flowers.

Drucei commemorates the name of an English pharmacist and botanist, George Claridge Druce (1850-1932), who in 1895 became the Fielding curator of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford in the Department of Botany. From 1892 until his death he served on the Oxford City Council. He was Sheriff of Oxford in 1896 and 1897, and Mayor in 1900 to 1901. Druce was also made an Alderman and served as Chief Magistrate. He was a founder of the Northampton Natural History Society and the Ashmolean Natural History Society of Oxfordshire, and was an active member of both the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves and the Botanical Exchange Club . He was a Fellow of The Royal Society. His published works include *Flora of Oxfordshire*, *Flora of Berkshire*, *Flora of Buckinghamshire*, and *Flora of Northamptonshire*. *Aureus* means ‘golden’.