

# Country Garden Greenhouse

## Syrian Oregano

This is not *Origanum syriacum*, the plant usually called "Syrian oregano." That other "Syrian oregano" is better known as "true zaatar." We think this version is one of several wild Middle Eastern plants used to make the traditional zaatar spice blends much loved throughout the region. Because true zaatar is now a protected plant in Israel, commercial zaatar blends often incorporate closely



related plants such as this one instead. The flavour is strong and spicy, and its leaves can be used fresh or dried wherever oregano is used. In the garden it is hardier and more vigorous than true zaatar. Perennial (hardy in zones 8-10)