Thai Basil

- Scientific Name: *Ocimum basilicas* var. *thyrsiflora*
- Family: Mint (Lamiaceae)
- Type: Annual Edible Herb
- Native range: Southeast Asia
- Sun: Full sun
- Blooms: June to September
- Attracts: Honey bees, Butterflies, Native bees, Bumblebees, & Hover flies among others.
- Cultivated: Alamance County

**Notes:** Both a pollen & nectar source. It has an identifiable anise- & licorice-like flavor and slightly spicy not present in sweet basil, and its flavor is more stable under high or extended cooking temperatures than that of sweet basil.