

Botanical Name: Salvia farinacea

Common Name: Mealy-cup sage, Blue sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, upright plant forming a rounded mound--bedding

varieties are more compact with flowers held fairly close to foliage

Height to 2' Spread to 2' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun

Soil does best with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (all zones); persists when winters are warm

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical to 3" long, 1" across, coarsely serrate margins,

oppositely arranges - square stems purple towards tips

Flowers dense spikes of bluish purple flowers

Fruit small ovoid nutlet

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings

Usage: excellent source of blue color - used for mid-size mass

for blue color; also for cut flowers, mixes well with marigolds, etc.

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering-tolerates some drought

Fertilizing slow-release at planting-repeat 1 or 2X per year

Pruning pinch off dead flower spikes; head back in winter

Pests/Diseases none major

Special Conditions

Origin: New Mex.-TX Family: Labiatae