

Botanical Name: Salvia discolor

Common Name: Salvia discolor

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape rangy, sprawling sub shrub with dark green leaves above  
silvery white beneath, may develop long, rangy, arching branches

Height 2 to 3' Spread 2 to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to part shade

Soil tolerates any soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost

Morphology:

Leaves oppositely arrange, elliptical to 2" long, 1" across; dark  
green and leathery above, white tomentose beneath; aromatic leaves

Flowers deep indigo (almost black) to 1/2" long tubular flowers  
in teminal spikes throughout the warm season

Fruit small nutlet

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: mix with other Salvias, used for foliage and form; good on  
slopes and rustic areas, native areas; used for nearly black flower color

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water when planted, drought tolerant when  
established

Fertilizing none

Pruning head back in fall to induce bushy growth

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions very attractive to bees

Origin: Peru Family: Lamiaceae