

Botanical Name: Salvia clevelandii

Common Name: Cleveland sage, Blue sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A rangy, sprawling plant with rugose leaves and strongly-scented foliage and purplish blooms in spring

Height 3 to 5 ft. Spread 3 to 5 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil requires a soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy (zones 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves fuzzy, wrinkled (rugose) leaves to 2" long, oblong to narrowly ovate, gray-green in color

Flowers dark lavender to purple flowers in rounded clusters held on 1 ft. long spikes; blooms for 1 month in spring

Fruit small woody capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: good native plant for profuse bloom, drought tolerant habit, pleasing foliage and form; one of the best native Salvias for dry slopes and gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering, but will tolerate drought when established; reduce summer watering to avoid root rot

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back to encourage a dense growth habit

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Southern and Northern California chaparral and coastal sage