

Botanical Name: Salvia lyrata 'Purple Volcano'

Common Name: Lyre leaf sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape compact, rosette forming plant with tall flowering stems which point straight up above rosette; purple foliage remains fairly flat to the ground

Height to 2 ft. Spread to 1' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor partial shade to full sun

Soil prefers a soil with good drainage; not fussy

Hardiness hardy (zones 10-24)

Morphology:

Leaves bronze-purple to 6" long, spatulate with lobes toward the base; coarse and clumping foliage contrasts with fine flower stalks

Flowers upright flower stalks with small clusters of purple to greenish flowers; flowers to 1/2" long, 1/4" across

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood or softwood cuttings

Usage: small filler for foliage and flower displays; can be used in containers, mixed with other perennials in cottage gardens or perennial beds

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water for first year, drought tolerant thereafter

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting time

Pruning dead head after bloom; divide if over-crowded

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions none

Origin: cultivar Family: Labiatae