

Botanical Name: Salvia coccinea

Common Name: Texas sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright shrubby perennial with fuzzy, crinkled leaves and a fairly tall, upright form -- flowers held high above foliage

Height 1 to 2' Spread 1 to 2' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred -- will tolerate partial shade

Soil tolerant of most soils -- prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24)

Morphology:

Leaves oppositely arranged, ovate with crenate margins, dark green and faintly pubescent above lighter green below

Flowers racemes of tubular scarlet red flowers with purple calyxes arranged in tiers along central rachis

Fruit 3-angled nutlets

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings at any time

Usage: effective plant in perennial borders, mixes well with other drought tolerant plants, natives and rustic plantings -- usually too large for small-scale landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought after established, takes average watering

Fertilizing balance, slow-release at planting

Pruning head back strongly after blooming

Pests/Diseases whitefly

Special Conditions 'Lady in Red' is a compact variety

Origin: Tropical Am. Family: Labiatae