

Botanical Name: Salvia microphylla

Common Name: Summer red sage

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fairly small sage, with spreading and upright stems

forming an open rounded to somewhat mounding shrub

Height 2' - 4' Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates some shade at inland locations

Soil tolerates most, including heavy alkaline clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24): thrives in warm low-elevation areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, on squarish stems, medium green, not

shiny; ovate - lanceolate, 1/2" - 1" long

Flowers crimson-red, open funnel-shaped, approximately 1" long, in

loose terminal racemes; spring thru fall (also during winter in desert areas)

Fruit a small capsule

Propagation: seed or softwood cuttings

Usage: a colorful low filler, useful for its long display of

flowers and tolerance of both garden and natural conditions; can be lightly

sheared for a low hedge; good on slopes, informal or sub-tropical theme gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates regular; is very drought-tolerant after

established

Fertilizing little needed unless heavily watered; excessive feeding

results in scraggly, rangy growth

Pruning head back occasionally to control shape and overall size

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

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Origin: N. Mexico Family: Lamiaceae