

Botanical Name: Salvia spathacea

Common Name: Hummingbird sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A spreading, clumping, rhizomatous Salvia with a mounding habit making it suitable for use as a groundcover

Height to 2 ft. Spread to 5 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy (zones 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves leaves hastate to deltoid, rugose and slightly sticky, to 4" long, 1" across, often light or grayish green

Flowers rose-pink flowers in spring, held in maroon bracts; flower stalks are held up to 30" high

Fruit small woody capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: a groundcover Salvia appreciated for its bloom and dense growth habit; useful in dry areas and mixed with California native plants; good on slopes and in Mediterranean theme gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established; will tolerate regular watering where drainage is good

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back to encourage a dense growth habit; deadhead

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other

Origin: Coastal Central and Southern California