

Botanical Name: Salvia leucophylla

Common Name: Purple sage

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an open, loosely constructed shrub; slender squarish stems
are erect or spreading to form an irregularly rounded canopy

Height 2' - 4' (6') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; avoid shaded habitats

Soil well-draining, drier soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 10-24): prefers warm foothill habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, oblong-lanceolate; grayish-white,

1"-3" long, with wrinkled surface; margins somewhat crenate; foliage strongly
aromatic when crushed

Flowers pale rose-lavender, trumpet-shaped, 1/2" long, crowded into

3-5 whorled clusters along a central spike; May - July

Fruit tiny nutlets

Propagation: seed

Usage: a low to mid-sized filler, valued for its grayish-white

foliage and purple flower display in warm dry habitats; erosion control,

slope plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; plant tolerates considerable

drought after establishment; avoid over-watering

Fertilizing very little needed

Pruning head back after blooming to promote new flowering wood;

occasionally tip back for a denser form if desired

Pests/Diseases relatively free; susceptible to root fungus diseases and

powdery mildew in wet shaded locations

Special Conditions

foothills of Orange to

Origin: San Luis Obispo Co. Family: Lamiaceae