

Botanical Name: Salvia elegans

Common Name: Pineapple sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape sprawling, rounded, loosely constructed herb with a fairly sparse appearance if not regularly pinched

Height 2 to 3' Spread 2 to 4' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil prefers a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24) may be damaged by hard frost

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical to lanceolate, to 3" long with a purple cast to the margins, petioles and stems, gray pubescent beneath; has a fruity odor

Flowers loose spikes of tubular, scarlet flowers in fall

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings any time

Usage: filler plant in perennial beds, use foliage for a more fruit-scented seasoning than S. officinalis; mixes well with other drought tolerant plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering fairly drought-tolerant when established, takes regular watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting

Pruning pinch back regularly to encourage bushiness, maintain shape

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained areas

Special Conditions

Origin: Mexico Family: Labiatae