

Botanical Name: Salvia somonensis 'Dara's Choice'

Common Name: Creeping sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low-growing, nearly prostrate plant, with rather densely set foliage and stems forming a low mound

Height 1' - 2' Spread 3' - 4' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial shade at inland sites

Soil needs good drainage; performs well on slopes

Hardiness hardy (zones 18-24); thrives in warm coastal foothill areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite on squarish stems, dark green; 2"-3" long, oblong-oval, aromatic

Flowers deep blue-purple, in erect spikes which arise 9"-18" above the plant; bilabiate, in 'clusters' on the spike; March - June

Fruit tiny black nutlets

Propagation: softwood cutting

Usage: an excellent low filler or facer in rock garden or casual-theme plantings for blue colored flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soaking; tolerates more water at hot inland sites

Fertilizing little needed

Pruning head back and thin after blooming to promote new growth

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: cultivar Family: Lamiaceae