

Botanical Name: Salvia munzii 'Emerald Cascade'

Common Name: Dwarf San Diego sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A low sprawling version of the California native shrub; it has a mounding, compact habit with pale lavender to blue flowers

Height to 2 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial shade

Soil prefers good drainage

Hardiness some frost(zones 7-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical, to 1-1/2" long, 3/8" across; medium green rugose (wrinkled), strongly scented and somewhat sticky; margins finely dentate

Flowers small dense clusters of deep lavender flowers about 1/2" long, 1/8" across; borne on long scapes at the ends of branches; early spring

Fruit small capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: excellent for banks, slopes and borders; can be used to sprawl over walls; excellent addition to a dry perennial bed or native landscape where space is at a premium

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing none needed

Pruning dead-head occasionally and control size as needed

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other plant generally does not live more than four years

Origin: Cultivar; species is native to San Diego County