

Botanical Name: Salvia melissodora

Common Name: Grape scented sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A loosely constructed, sprawling plant with spreading, ascending branches with loose blue flower clusters during the warm season

Height to 6 ft. Spread to 6 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil prefers a soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy (zones 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves rugose olive-green foliage, paler beneath to 1-1/2" long, to 3/4" across; foliage smells somewhat like grapes

Flowers lavender and white flowers in loose clusters held on 6" long long spikes; blooms throughout the warm season

Fruit small woody capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: a shrubby perennial appreciated for its long blooming season and easy care; good in scented gardens, perennial borders, mixed with California natives or other Mediterranean theme plants

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering, but will tolerate drought when established; reduce summer watering to avoid root rot

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back to encourage a dense growth habit

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Mexico