

Botanical Name: Salvia apiana

Common Name: White sage

Type of Plant: Dicot: perennial Family Asteraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape An open shrubby perennial with upright stems and variable habit; more dense with an upright form in dry sunny locations, rather open and loosely wide-spreading in more shaded sites

Height 2'-3' (4') Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; gets rather lanky in shade

Soil tolerates most, including clay; avoid overly wet locations

Hardiness hardy (zones 18-24): prefers warm sunny low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite to whorled (older leaves drop off), oval to elliptic 2"-3" long, with distinctive pale greenish-white color

Flowers white, tiny, on elongated stalks 3'-5' long; Spring months

Fruit a tiny achene

Propagation: seed or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: An excellent low to medium-sized filler for its white foliage and loose form; good on slopes or mounds; best-suited for Mediterranean, desert, or dry woodlands theme gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering very little needed after established - is very drought-tolerant

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head back to promote full form; remove old flower stalks

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Other Avoid wet shaded sites

Origin: Coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitats of Southern California