

Botanical Name: Salvia splendens

Common Name: Scarlet sage

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character summer annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, upright, bushy plants, usually single-stemmed  
topped by spikes of vivid red flowers

Height 6"-3' Spread 1' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil any soil

Hardiness tender to frost

Morphology:

Leaves ovate, opposite, to 3" long, crenate to serrate margins

Flowers racemes of red, tubular flowers enclosed in red bracts  
(sometimes white or purple)

Fruit four-celled

Propagation: seed

Usage: excellent in warm sunny areas -- good contrast to light  
colored flowers or foliage -- good in beds, containers, color baskets

Landscape Care:

Watering needs generous water

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release when planting, low N fertilizer mo.

Pruning pinch back frequently to keep bushy

Pests/Diseases whitefly

Special Conditions many varieties available

Origin: Brazil Family: Labiatae