

Botanical Name: Salvia chamaedryoides

Common Name: Mexican Blue Sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Small, spreading, loose, upright plant with fine textured, silvery gray foliage and purple/blue flowers held above the foliage

Height to 2' Spread to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves 1/2" rounded to oval leaves, densely set on stem, oppositely arranged on stem, densely covered with silvery pubescence

Flowers loose spikes of purple/blue tubular flowers; flowers to 1" form spring through summer

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: small filler or facer for foliage and purple flowers; works well in perennial borders, small-scale landscapes drought tolerant areas

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water, drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing balanced, slow release at planting

Pruning head back occasionally to promote bushiness

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Special Conditions

Origin: Mexico Family: Labiatae