

Botanical Name: Salvia verticillata 'Purple Rain'

Common Name: Lilac sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A fuzzy-leaved gray-green plant with upright inflorescences and a dense, tight growth habit; variety is tighter and more colorful than species

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil well-amended soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy (zones 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves olive-green deltoid leaves covered with dense hairs, to 8" long and 4" across oppositely arranged

Flowers upright inflorescences of small purple flowers densely set in clusters similar to Leonotis; flowers 1/2" long, 1/8" across

Fruit small woody capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: excellent border plant for sunny locations; mixes in cottage gardens, Mediterranean theme gardens, facer plant in larger borders; valued for purple flowers and a very long blooming season

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering, but will tolerate drought when established; blooms best with regular watering

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back in early spring to control size

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs

Other _____

Origin: Central Europe