

Botanical Name: Salvia officinalis

Common Name: Garden sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape loosely constructed woody plant with narrow silvery leaves  
and a wide spreading form -- usually forms a cushion-shaped mound

Height to 2' Spread 2 to 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred -- will not perform in shade

Soil likes poor but well-drained soils

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves white-wooly, oblong to 2-1/2" long, margins entire to  
crenulate, strongly scented

Flowers usually violet-blue, tubular flowers in spikes  
some varieties have pink or white flowers

Fruit 3-angled nutlets

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings, division

Usage: good source of gray color in perennial borders, herb  
gardens, used for cooking in meat and poultry dishes; mixes well with  
native plantings, drought tolerant landscapes and classic herb gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering -- allow to get fairly dry between  
waterings

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting

Pruning head back to encourage bushiness -- renew every 2-3 years

Pests/Diseases mealybug, whitefly, aphids, root rot in poorly drained soil

Special Conditions many variegated forms available

Origin: Southern Eur. Family: Labiatae