

Botanical Name: Salvia argentea

Common Name: Silver sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Large, soft-textured rosette of silvery-colored leaves
covered in dense silky hairs; flowers extend high above foliage

Height to 1 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-24)

Morphology:

Leaves broadly ovate, to 10" across, 12" long or more; leaves are
grayish green covered by silky pubescence; margins coarsely crenate

Flowers large panicle of tiny white (sometimes pink or yellow) flowers
held high above foliage - best if removed promptly; blooms in summer

Fruit small capsules

Propagation: seed

Usage: prominent (if short lived) perennial good near foreground
of a perennial bed or border; appreciated for dramatic foliage, not flowering;
good source of silvery-white foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; do not overwater

Fertilizing none needed

Pruning remove flowers to prolong life of plant

Pests/Diseases root rot, snails and slugs

Other plant generally does not live more than four years

Origin: Southern Europe