

Botanical Name: Salvia sonomensis 'Hobbit Toes'

Common Name: Hobbit Toes sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A low, sprawling, mat-forming sage with pubescent, gray-green foliage and moderately dark lavender flowers in late spring

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a soils with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 7, 9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical gray-green leaves to 2" long, 1/2" across; somewhat rugose and crenulate on margins

Flowers small, 3/4" long tubular flowers in loose spikes at the ends of branches; blooms in spring and early summer; good hummingbird attracter

Fruit small woody capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: nice groundcover Salvia for banks and slopes or even hanging baskets; works well as a low facer or groundcover under light shade; good plant for dry shade under oaks or other trees

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers to be kept on the dry side, especially in heavy soils do not over water

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back in early spring to control size

Pests/Diseases powdery mildew

Other deer resistant

Origin: San Luis Obispo County