

Mexican Sage

Salvia leucantha

Flower color ranges from rose-purple studded with white to a uniform rose-purple. These beautiful flowers appear summer to fall and are very attractive to hummingbirds. Mexican Sage is charming when used in the landscape as a specimen, massed together in a bed, or in a container. The flowers are quite lovely when used in flower arrangements. They last several days as cut flowers. Mexican sage prefers a bright position in the landscape and a rich, sandy, well-drained soil. It grows best and stays thick with regular watering but will tolerate periods of drought. Cut the plant back and irrigate during the summer if it becomes too leggy. The plant is killed to the ground by freezing temperatures.

Type: herbaceous perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 7 through 11

Uses: cut flowers; border; edging; mass planting; hanging basket; cascading down a wall; attracts butterflies; attracts hummingbirds

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 1 to 2 feet **Spread:** 2 to 3 feet

Plant spacing: 18 to 24 inches

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: acidic; alkaline; sand; loam; clay

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: no serious pests are normally seen on the plant

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