

Botanical Name: *Perovskia atriplicifolia*
Common Name: Russian Sage
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Shrub/Perennial



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Lamiaceae

Origin: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and Tibet

Climate Zone: USDA 4-10, Sunset 2-24

Mature Height: 3-5 feet

Mature Width: 3-4 feet

Plant Type: Deciduous

Growth Habit: Upright

Growth Rate: Moderate

Flower Color/Details: Lavender blue flowers that form soft haze above the foliage on semi-woody stems

Flower Season: Mid-summer into fall

Bark: N/A

Fruit: N/A

Foliage: Silver stems, fragrant gray-green leaves

Use: Splash of color and texture for dry-stream beds, stone features, borders, rock gardens. For more impact, mix with ornamental grasses and medium to tall, bright-colored flowers.

Floral: Cut flowers, dried flowers

Wildlife/Beneficials: Butterflies and bees

Deer Resistant: Yes and rabbit resistant

Fire Resistant: No, full of volatile compounds

Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown

Adverse Factors: Spreads by both seed and underground stems

Soil: Adaptable, with good drainage

Exposure: Full sun or part shade

Water Requirements: Moderate, drought tolerant

WUCOLS Water Needs: M M M M L L

UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No

Description: Airy look with strong lavender flower, gray foliage. Long lived and is hardy to -20°. Many smaller more upright cultivars are available.

Maintenance: Rejuvenate each spring by cutting back nearly to ground, just as new growth starts to emerge. Promotes stronger branching, denser canopy. Control spread by pulling out unwanted starts and by trimming off all flower stalks in autumn, before seeds ripen. Do not fertilize.



#1 Nursery Container