

Botanical Name: *Salvia spathacea*
Common Name: Hummingbird Sage
SAL-vee-uh spath-uh-SEE-uh

PERENNIAL/SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Lamiaceae
Origin: California
Climate Zone: USDA 9-11, Sunset 8, 9, 14-17, 22-24
Mature Height: 1-2 feet, with 2-4 foot flower stalk
Mature Width: 3-4 feet
Plant Type: Semi-evergreen
Growth Habit: Clumping; spreads by runners
Growth Rate: Slow to moderate
Flower Color/Details: Red, coral, crimson, magenta, or lavender tubular fragrant flowers set into burgundy or green sepals
Flower Season: Winter - summer
Bark: N/A
Fruit: N/A
Foliage: Green leaves, puckered tops, scalloped edges, covered in silver hairs, fragrant
Use: Groundcover, focal point in mixed borders, containers. Tolerates dry shade under oaks
Floral: Cut flowers
Wildlife/Beneficials: Attracts butterflies, birds, and hummingbirds
Deer Resistant: Yes
Fire Resistant: No
Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown
Adverse Factors: Sticky hairs, powdery mildew

Soil: Adaptable, tolerates clay
Exposure: Full sun to part shade
Water Requirements: Low, drought tolerant
WUCOLS Water Needs: L L L ? ? ?
Description: Easy to cultivate, fabulous flowers, and an intensely fruity fragrance. Butterflies and hummingbirds sip from flowers four feet high.
Maintenance: Water monthly, once established in 2-3 years. Stop watering in August to harden off. Remove old foliage, when new leaves emerge in spring. Cut flower stalks to the ground in late summer after flowers die. To start a new plant, dig up and transplant runners in late fall or winter. Cure powdery mildew by spraying with 1 part milk to 9 parts water.



#1 Nursery Container