

Salvia farinacea

(Mealycup sage)

Native to Mexico this plant handle heat and drought but not hardy frost, except in Zone 10-11. Flowering can happen all season if old flowers are deadheaded. Flower attract hummingbird, bees, butterflies. There are many cultivars available in shades of blue, violet, white and/or silver.

Can be grown on calcareous soil in prairies, meadows, roadsides and open woodlands. Also used in containers, cutting gardens or any place where continuous flower color is desired.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Texas, Mexico

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Street, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 Year

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Smooth, Fine

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green, Blue-Green

Color(changing season): Green, Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 10 - 20

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, Blue, White

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Type: Follicle

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown, Red

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Downey Mildew

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Generally pest free

Plant Propagations: Seed

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