



## Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Longin' Russian Sage

Although Russian sage is native to Iran, Pakistan, Tibet and Afghanistan, it is well adapted to our deserts as well. This long-lived plant quickly attains a size of 3-4 feet tall and wide. It has fragrant, fine-textured silver-grey foliage, and produces tall sprays of blue flowers in the late spring and summer months. Bees are attracted to the blossoms. Because this introduced plant can reseed, spent flower spikes should be removed right away to remove developing seeds. Russian sage should be cut back hard in the fall months. It can be planted in full sun or part shade, and any well-drained soil. This plant is hardy to -20° and appears to be resistant to rabbits and deer. USDA Zone 5.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

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| SIZE (H X W)  | 3-4 feet x 3-4 feet    |
| FLOWER COLOR  | Blue spikes            |
| FLOWER SEASON | Late spring to summer  |
| EXPOSURE      | Full sun to part shade |
| WATER         | Low to moderate        |
| GROWTH RATE   | Fast                   |
| HARDINESS     | -20° F, USDA Zone 5    |
| PRUNING       | Remove spent flowers   |



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