



## Salvia leucantha Mexican Bush Sage

It's hard to keep your hands off of this plant when it's in bloom! The purple flower spikes are soft and velvety, and its narrow gray-green leaves have wooly white undersides, making Mexican bush sage a great plant to include in a sensory garden. Growing to at least 4 feet tall and wide, this salvia prefers some light shade, even at higher elevations. It also seems to handle heavy soils better than other salvias. In the Phoenix area this plant will look stressed if it doesn't receive adequate irrigation during the summer months. Mexican bush sage freezes back at 20° F. A severe pruning (to the ground!) in early spring will remove any frost damaged foliage and encourage fresh growth.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	4-5 feet X 5-6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Purple
FLOWER SEASON	Spring into summer
EXPOSURE	Partial shade
WATER	Low to moderate
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	20° F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	Shear in winter



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