



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Cleveland Sage

Salvia clevelandii

DESCRIPTION: Cleveland sage is an attractive, fast-growing shrub from the chaparral of San Diego County, California. It forms a neat mound over two meters (6') across and a meter (5') tall. Numerous spikes of light violet flowers are produced in the spring, accenting the aromatic grey-green leaves. It may be short-lived in unfavorable locations. A good nectar source for spring butterflies

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a feature of either the transition or the dry zone of the xeriscape. Plant them well separated to show off their fine natural forms.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least -9° C (16° F).



Sun tolerance: Full sun is essential for good compact form.



Watering and feeding: Cleveland Sage requires little water, about every two weeks during the winter growing season. Water no more than once a month during the summer, since overwatering at this time of dormancy can be lethal. Feed once or twice a year.



Soil requirements: Well-drained soil is essential to prevent rot.



Pruning: Plants may lose nearly all leaves in summer, but will recover in fall. Overgrown or leggy shrubs can be cut back in the late fall to reduce size and increase density