Big Blue Salvia

Salvia 'PAS1246577'

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Perennial Sage, Meadow Clary, Meadow Sage

Description:

An attractive, well branched salvia producing volumes of tall, sturdy stems covered in breathtaking true blue flowers from mid summer to first frost; perfect for borders or beds with its bushy habit; looks fantastic in containers; best in full sun

Ornamental Features

Big Blue Salvia has masses of beautiful spikes of blue flowers with violet overtones and purple calyces rising above the foliage from mid summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Big Blue Salvia is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Big Blue Salvia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Big Blue Salvia in bloom
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Big Blue Salvia flowers
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Big Blue Salvia will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Big Blue Salvia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.