Emerald Cascade San Diego Sage

Salvia munzii 'Emerald Cascade'



Emerald Cascade San Diego Sage in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Munz's Sage

Description:

A beautiful, cascading, aromatic sage bearing clusters of light blue flowers, in dense whorls above the foliage in early spring; a compact, dense plant that thrives in various soil types and with little water; a dependable choice in the garden

Ornamental Features

Emerald Cascade San Diego Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of lavender tubular flowers with brick red calyces rising above the foliage from late winter to mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has light green evergreen foliage. The tiny fragrant narrow leaves remain light green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Emerald Cascade San Diego Sage is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Emerald Cascade San Diego Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Emerald Cascade San Diego Sage will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Emerald Cascade San Diego Sage makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.