Olympus™ Gold Leaf Sage

Salvia chrysophylla 'Olympus Gold Leaf'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A lovely cultivar of salvia producing dainty lavender and white blooms, on sturdy, tall stems, rising above lush green foliage with hints of gold; a beautiful addition to borders or beds with its compact, bushy form; looks fantastic in containers



Olympus Gold Leaf Sage in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Olympus Gold Leaf Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of lavender flowers with white overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant oval leaves remain green in color with hints of gold throughout the season. The black stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.



Olympus Gold Leaf Sage flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Olympus Gold Leaf Sage 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.

Olympus Gold Leaf Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Olympus Gold Leaf Sage will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Olympus Gold Leaf Sage 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.