



## Candy Kisses Wild Sage

*Syncolostemon 'Candy Kisses'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ☐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: syn. Hemizygia

### Description:

This evergreen sub-shrub or tender perennial puts on a great show in the garden with its stunning green and white variegated foliage; lavender pink flowers all season on top of red stems is an added bonus that is sure to please; excellent in containers

### Ornamental Features

Candy Kisses Wild Sage features showy panicles of fragrant lavender flowers with pink overtones and purple bracts at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall. It has attractive dark green foliage edged in white. The fragrant round leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The brick red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

### Landscape Attributes

Candy Kisses Wild Sage is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Candy Kisses Wild Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Candy Kisses Wild Sage foliage*  
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

**Planting & Growing**

Candy Kisses Wild Sage will grow to be about 4 feet 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 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Candy Kisses Wild Sage makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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.