

Mexican Bush Sage - *Salvia leucantha*

The Mexican Bush Sage is a tough, drought tolerant, highly pest resistant salvia with showy spikes of purple and white, or solid purple, blossoms. The Sage is a late summer and fall blooming perennial from Mexico, as its name implies. The sturdy silver-gray foliaged plants can easily reach three feet or more in height. In addition to their landscape appeal and love of butterflies, the brilliant spikes can also be used as cut flowers.

This drought tolerant Mexican native prefers sunny, well-drained sites and will survive with no supplemental irrigation in most parts of the state. Mexican Bush Sage actually thrives during our typical desert like summers.

In order to promote an abundance of late summer and fall flowering spikes, the plant should be sheared a few times during the summer months. The subsequent re-growth produces a sturdier more compact plant as well.

Mexican Bush Sage can be used as a massed bedding plant, a container plant in large pots, as a part of a mixed perennial border, or as a landscape specimen.

