



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Salvia Pozo Blue *Salvia leucophylla* × *S. clevelandii*

DESCRIPTION: Found as a seedling at the California native plants nursery Las Pilitas, 'Pozo Blue' is a natural hybrid. It has the toughness of *Salvia leucophylla* with the aromatic foliage of *Salvia clevelandii*. It grows to 4' by 4'. The flowers are light violet blue. This plant is a strong attractant for hummingbirds and butterflies. Even quail use it a cover and seeds. Unlike *Salvia clevelandii*, summer watering is not as much of a problem as long as drainage is good.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a feature of either the transition or the dry zone of the xeriscape. Plant them well separated to show off their fine natural forms.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It is cold tolerant down to 5°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun is essential for good compact form.



Watering and feeding: Pozo Blue Sage requires little water once established, about every two weeks. Feed once or twice a year.



Soil requirements: Well-drained soil is best.



Pruning: Overgrown or leggy shrubs can be cut back in the late fall to reduce size and increase density.