



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Lemmon Sage

*Salvia lemmonii*

**DESCRIPTION:** Lemmon Sage is a small twiggy shrub growing to around 3' by 3'. Leaves are lightly aromatic; some say minty, others citrus. Reddish-pink tubular flowers can occur from spring to fall. They are a favorite of hummingbirds, but bees and butterflies go to it also. . It is valued for its adaptability to garden soils and its very long blooming season. Lemmon Sage is native to the mountains of southern Arizona, south to Durango, Mexico.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** A beautiful source of color in any garden. Great for attracting wildlife. Can be kept in a large patio container.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** It is hardy to at least 10° F



**Sun tolerance:** Will grow in full sun or shade. In sun will flower from spring through fall. In shade will flower in spring and then again in fall.



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate water to establish. Can be kept on low water regime, but blooms better with regular irrigation. Nitrogen fertilization helps to carry plants through the summer heat.



**Soil requirements:** Most soils are adequate.



**Pruning:** In a garden setting, prune back to 4 inches in late winter and again by one half in August to maintain a tidy shape, or allow to grow and spread or sprawl for a more natural appearance, with occasional pruning of old wood. Pruning off spent flower spikes may encourage additional flowering.