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Mohave Sage or Salvia del Monte *Salvia mohavensis*

DESCRIPTION: Mohave Sage makes an very compact, dense mound of dark shiny green, aromatic leaves to less than two feet tall and twice as wide. The light blue flowers are upstaged by conspicuous large chartreuse bracts that persist long after the flowers fall. This species is native to the Mohave and Sonoran deserts in very arid localities. It grows rather slowly and is long-lived for a sage. It is difficult to establish in nursery containers and is therefore rarely available.

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

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least 16°F.



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



Watering and feeding: They require little water, about every two weeks during the winter growing season. Water no more than once a month during the summer, since overwatering at this time of dormancy can be lethal. Plants may lose nearly all leaves in summer, but will recover in fall. Feed once or twice a year.



Soil requirements: Well-drained soil is essential to prevent rot.



Pruning: Best not to prune.