



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Grape-scented Sage

Salvia melissodora

DESCRIPTION: In spite of the common name, many think it should be called “Lavender Scented Sage” because the flowers & foliage have a powerful lavender aroma. A profusion of lovely lavender-blue blooms on 6-8” spikes appear from spring until first frost. Flowers are great for attracting hummingbirds, bees and butterflies! It is a tough evergreen shrub, growing up to 6 or 8’ tall by 6’ wide, but it’s easy to prune for a shorter stature. It is native to the Sierra Madre Occidental region of Mexico. Very easy to grow -.

RECOMMENDED USE: Great as an accent, screen or barrier, in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Winter hardy to 20-25°F with established plants perhaps more hardy.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate. Don’t keep too wet in the summer.



Soil requirements: Do plant in well-drained soil.



Pruning: Any time, as needed to contain size.