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Botanical Name	Salvia leucantha
Common Name	Mexican Bush Sage, Velvet Sage
Mature Size	3' x 3'
Bloom Color	Purple/White
Bloom Period	Late Summer thru Fall
Boom Form	Flower and Calyx
Water	Drought tolerant once established
Light	Best in full sun to light partial shade
USDA Zone	Root Hardy in 8 and 9, Evergreen in 10 and 11
Fragrance	None
Uses	Mixed Beds, Mass Plantings, Potted
Special Features	Attracts Butterflies



Mexican Bush Sage

Mexican Sage is low growing bushy small shrub, that is suitable outdoors in subtropical climates and frequently grown as an annual or potted plant in colder area. In Zone 8 it typically freezes back to ground and resprouts from the roots in the Spring.

It grows in a loose spreading mound of gracefully arching silvery stems with lance shaped willow like leaves, that are somewhat puckered along the top vein and have a soft, white, wooly appearance to the underside. The contrast of the leaves is interesting and attractive when the leaves are dancing about on a breezy day.

Mexican Sage begins flowering late in the summer and blooms until the first frost knocks it back. The flowers are white and emerge from fuzzy soft calyxes that are bright lavender, to blue toned purple, that grow along gracefully arching stems. It is a profuse, long lasting and showy bloomer, and one of the few salvias that is suitable for cut flowers or dried arrangements. The calyxes will hold their bright color after drying. The long arching fuzzy white stems that hold the bi colored inflorescence tend to wave above the main body of the plant.

The bloom period is long, beginning when the nights warm into the high 60's and 70's and continuing until late fall.

Mexican Sage is quick to establish and easy to grow. For the best results select a location in full to sun to partial light shade. Provide supplemental irrigation until plants become well established, feed a good quality slow release plant food, prune for shape and thickness when plants are young, and then sit back and enjoy.

These make excellent additions to mixed perennial beds, are stars in mixed garden pots, and also work well as punctuation points in most any landscape setting.

If you have any questions, please email us at emerald@strato.net.

You can go here to check your zone. [National Arboretum - USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map](#).