

Salvia leucantha 'Santa Barbara' [Ⓛ]



Height: 90cm
Spread: 1m



FEATURES:

- Outstanding dwarf form of the popular Mexican Sage.
- Long stems of velvety purple flowers crown the silvery green foliage over summer, through autumn.
- Attractive to birds.
- Easy care and fast growing.
- Dry tolerant once established.

SUGGESTED USES:

- Mass plant in drifts for stunning, low maintenance displays.
- Informal hedging.
- Water wise landscapes.
- Large containers and general garden use.

CULTURAL CARE

Grows well in most soil types given good drainage. Low watering requirements withstanding some dryness but should be watered regularly during extended periods of heat. During early spring cut back older foliage stems once new growth appears at the crown. Feed at this time with an application of slow release fertiliser.

Salvia leucantha varieties are popular world wide, not only for their easy-to-grow attributes and stunning displays but also due to their 'tactile' flower stems that are soft to the touch - difficult to not want to handle them! The foliage, like all other Salvias, is aromatic when crushed or brushed against and so use along drives and pathways is a popular, particularly with the smaller dimensions of S. 'Santa Barbara'. There are many varieties of Salvias covering all possible scenarios for size, texture and colour. As they generally have the same growing requirements, it's ideal to plant out with each other - see www.pga.com.au for many Salvia options.

