



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Littleleaf Sage *Salvia microphylla*

DESCRIPTION: This small, evergreen shrub grows naturally in rocky soils in southeastern Arizona and adjacent New Mexico and Sonora, Mexico. In the spring and fall Littleleaf Sage blooms profusely with clusters of small reddish violet flowers. These blooms attract hummingbirds and butterflies. The small, dark green leaves of this plant make it a nice addition to the oasis zone of a garden.

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 0° F



Sun tolerance: Light shade to morning full sun with afternoon shade.



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.