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purple sage Lamiaceae *Salvia leucophylla* Greene   symbol: SALE3

Leaf: Opposite, simple, evergreen, ovate to deltoid in shape, to 3 inches in length; woolly-tomentose and gray-green or blue-green above and below; aromatic.

Flower: Species is monoecious; light purple-pink, in whorls borne on an 8 inch spike; individual flowers to 1/2 inch with long pistils and stamens extending beyond the pea-like corolla; very aromatic.

Fruit: Small shiny nutlets borne in husks.

Twig: Red-brown to gray-brown and woolly-tomentose.

Bark: Gray-brown.

Form: A rounded straggling shrub to six feet tall with arching branches that root where they touch the ground.

Looks like: white sage - fragrant sage - black sage - rockrose



Additional Range Information: *Salvia leucophylla* is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. Download the full-size PDF map.

External Links: USDA Plants Database

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