

Purple Leaf Sage



Edible sage is good for use in cooking and great in the perennial border.



Salvia officinalis 'Purpureascens'

- **Use:** Ornamental herb with colorful purplish-gray leaves. Strongly aromatic foliage may be used fresh or dried in cooking. Attractive to bees and butterflies. Ideal for herb gardens, mixed borders and containers.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Tolerates full sun to part sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry to start. Little water needed once established. It tolerates alkaline soils, but not wet winter conditions.
- **Growth:** It forms a 1.5- to 2-foot-tall and wide bush with woody stems that may be trimmed back to newly emerging growth or strong stems in spring.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial; Shrubby
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. This cultivar has leaves suffused with steely-gray purple.
- **Flower:** In early to mid-summer, it occasionally sends up lavender-purple flower spikes; it has both ornamental and culinary qualities in an herb garden.