

# Silke's Dream Sage



## *Salvia 'Silke's Dream'*

**In the fall, the number of flowers explodes into a solid mass of color. This is a particularly durable and easy-to-grow sage that is destined for stardom.**

- **Use:** We are always on the lookout for good new garden sages and this is the best we have seen recently. This cross of *Salvia darcyi* x *Salvia microphylla* was discovered by Art Petley of Austin, Texas. The small dark-green leaves adorn the stems that are topped from July until frost with short, spikes of dark red flowers...a real show stopper! Drought tolerant once established, and loves full, hot sun! Prefers well-drained soils. Deer resistant and attracts hummingbirds in droves.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun to partial sun. Use slow release or water soluble fertilizer. Keep soil moist watering under leaves and flowers for best results. Drought tolerant once established.
- **Growth:** Full, well branched plants grow QUICKLY to 2-3' tall and wide in one season..
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-11; Perennial. Very heat tolerant! Use 3-4" around plant in the winter. Plants will not come out of winter dormancy until late May the following year.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Its tiny, smooth, elliptical leaves form a light, airy backdrop for the dramatic flowers. Cutting grown. Pinch back tips occasionally for a super bushy plant.
- **Flower:** Flower spikes are covered with dark red flowers that are just outstanding! Nonstop profusion of color from April until late October!

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