

Hot Lips Sage



Salvia microphylla 'Hot Lips'

- **Use:** Discovered near the Chiapas area of Mexico and was introduced by Richard Turner of the Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco, California. Looks similar to *Salvia greggii* except it has a finer texture and smaller leaf. Great for use in borders and beds. Deer resistant, drought tolerant, and attracts hummingbirds.
- **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:** Can reach 30" tall and spread up to 6' at maturity.
- **Hardiness:** 7-10 Perennial. Very heat tolerant! Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Fragrant, green leaves. Deciduous. Cutting grown. Pinch back tips occasionally for a super bushy plant.
- **Flower:** This is a unique bi-color salvia that has red tips and white lips late spring to fall. In the hotter months of summer it may have all red and all white flowers on the same plant due to warmer night temperatures, but when the night temperature drops in the fall the flowers will return to their bi-color state.

We love them for their long lasting blooms and heat/ drought strength.