

Botanical Name: *Perovskia atriplicifolia* 'Little Spire'

Common Name: Little Spire Russian Sage

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Shrub/Perennial

Seasonal
Photo
Placeholder

Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Lamiaceae

Origin: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran and Tibet

Climate Zone: USDA 4-10, Sunset 2-24

Mature Height: 2-3 feet

Mature Width: 2-3 feet

Plant Type: Deciduous

Growth Habit: Upright

Growth Rate: Moderate

Flower Color/Details: Lavender blue flowers that form soft haze above the foliage

Flower Season: Summer to fall

Bark: N/A

Fruit: N/A

Foliage: Silver stems, aromatic gray-green leaves

Use: Splash of color and texture for dry-stream beds, stone features, rock gardens. For more impact, mix with ornamental grasses and medium to tall, bright-colored flowers.

Floral: Fresh cut and dried sprays of flowers

Wildlife/Beneficials: Butterflies and bees

Deer Resistant: Yes

Fire Resistant: No, full of volatile compounds

Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown

Adverse Factors: Spreads by underground stems that send up new clumps. Easy to pull out and control.

Soil: Adaptable, with good drainage

Exposure: Full sun or part shade

Water Requirements: Moderate, drought tolerant

WUCOLS Water Needs: M M M M L L

UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No

Description: Airy look with spikes of lavender-blue flowers and gray foliage. Upright selection that does not flop over in the landscape

Maintenance: Trim and fertilize lightly after each flush of bloom to encourage reblooming. Cut back each spring to 6 inches tall, just as new growth emerges. Control spread by pulling out unwanted starts and trimming off spent flowers in fall.



#1 Nursery Container