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Bluesette Russian Sage

Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Bluesette'

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 22 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This compact variety forms a dense mound of fragrant gray-green leaves, producing multiple spikes of lavender-blue flowers from mid-summer until fall; excellent for the garden or mixed containers; long flowering period attracts pollinators



Bluesette Russian Sage flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Bluesette Russian Sage features delicate spikes of lavender flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant narrow leaves emerge silver in spring, turning grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bluesette Russian Sage is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bluesette Russian Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Bluesette Russian Sage in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Bluesette Russian Sage will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 22 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Bluesette Russian Sage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.