Blue Queen Sage

Salvia nemorosa 'Blaukonigin'



Blue Queen Sage flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Perennial Salvia

Description:

Compact, short plants that produce vibrant violet-blue flower spikes, set closely together; blooms in late spring to early summer, then repeats later in season; deadhead spent blooms; very low maintenance, and unaffected by heat and humidity

Ornamental Features

Blue Queen Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of royal blue flowers with violet overtones and burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive fragrant narrow leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the season. The burgundy stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.



Blue Queen Sage in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Blue Queen Sage is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Blue Queen Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Blue Queen Sage will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Blue Queen Sage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.