

GARDEN PERENNIALS

Sage, Russian

(*Perovskia atriplicifolia*) This is an herbaceous perennial that can grow up to 3' tall with a 3' spread. Its extremely fine and delicate textured foliage emerges silver in the spring gradually turning grayish green throughout the season. Spikes of lavender flowers rise above the foliage from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It prefers full sunlight and dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil and a preference for alkaline soils. It will die in standing water. It is best to cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is good for attracting butterflies and deer tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats.

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