



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Fragrant Sage

Leucophyllum pruinatum

DESCRIPTION: This wonderful evergreen shrub is moderately fast-growing, mounding to 4' to 6' tall. Fragrant Sage is native to the Chihuahuan Desert. It features attractive, rounded silvery-gray foliage contrasted with masses of showy, fragrant violet-blue flowers. This species is considered to be one of the most fragrant of all *Leucophyllum* species. These abundant flowers appear summer through fall, attracting hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.

RECOMMENDED USE: Its casual form makes it an ideal addition to native palettes. Well-suited as an accent, foundation planting, in mixed shrub borders or as a colorful hedge or screen.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Best in full sun; even takes reflected heat.



Watering and feeding: Tolerant to drought once established, though this will decrease flower production. Supplemental summer watering will help promote a more vigorous, stronger blooming specimen. Benefits from a spring fertilization.



Soil requirements: A fast-draining soil is essential for the success of this species.



Pruning: A truly low maintenance plant. Allow space for it, and it only requires minor shaping in the spring.