ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM
PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Grape-scented Sage
Salvia melissodora

**DESCRIPTION:** In spite of the common name, many think it should be called “Lavender Scented Sage” because the flowers & foliage have a powerful lavender aroma. A profusion of lovely lavender-blue blooms on 6-8” spikes appear from spring until first frost. Flowers are great for attracting hummingbirds, bees and butterflies! It is a tough evergreen shrub, growing up to 6 or 8’ tall by 6’ wide, but it’s easy to prune for a shorter stature. It is native to the Sierra Madre Occidental region of Mexico. Very easy to grow.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Great as an accent, screen or barrier, in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

**CULTURE:**

*Hardiness:* Winter hardy to 20-25°F with established plants perhaps more hardy.

*Sun tolerance:* Full sun to light shade.

*Watering and feeding:* Low to moderate. Don’t keep too wet in the summer.

*Soil requirements:* Do plant in well-drained soil.

*Pruning:* Any time, as needed to contain size.