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Carl Nielson Sage

Salvia clevelandii × *mohavensis*

DESCRIPTION: Carl Nielson Sage is a hybrid of Mohave Sage and Cleveland Sage and is intermediate between them in appearance and size. Developed in Tucson, it seems to do well here once established. Carl Nielson Sage is an attractive, fast-growing shrub. It forms a neat mound up to 5' across and 4' tall. The evergreen leaves are aromatic. Numerous spikes of rich violet flowers are produced in the spring, accenting the grey-green leaves. Butterflies and hummingbirds enjoy the nectar.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a feature of either the transition or the dry zone of the xeriscape. Plant them well separated to show off their fine natural forms.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to at least 16°.



Sun tolerance: Full sun is essential for good compact form.



Watering and feeding: Once established, Carl Nielson Sage requires little water, about every two weeks during the winter growing season. Water no more than once a month during the summer, since overwatering at this time of dormancy can be lethal. Plants may lose nearly all leaves in summer, but will recover in fall. Feed once or twice a year.



Soil requirements: Well drained soil is essential to prevent rot.



Pruning: Overgrown or leggy plants can be cut back in the late fall to reduce size and increase density.