

Botanical Name: *Hyptis emoryi*

Common Name: Desert Lavendar



Family: Lamiaceae

Native Distribution: Gravelly or sandy washes, disturbed, or stony soils in SW United States and NW Mexico

Plant Size: 6-15' tall, 6-12' wide evergreen to deciduous shrub

Flowers: 1" clusters of violet flowers from January to May

Foliage: Powder gray, ovate leaves, up to 2.5" long and 1" wide, with serrated margins, woolly hairs, and a strong lavender fragrance when crushed

Site Preferences: Full sun, tolerates reflected heat

Landscape Uses: In the Greater Phoenix area, use as a specimen tree, in xeriscapes, or in large, open spaces.

Other Stuff:

- Little to moderate water once established, some added water increases growth rate.
- Needs good drainage.
- Hardy in Phoenix, but frost-sensitive when young.
- Foliage produces heavy, sage-like scent and is used to make herbal tea.
- Can be sheared in late winter to maintain shape.
- Attracts bees.
- Leaves have a mint flavor.