

**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.