

Botanical Name: *Salvia clevelandii*

Common Name: Chaparral Sage



Family: Lamiaceae

Habitat: Sandy washes, plains

Native Distribution: S California, N Baja California

Elevation: Up to 2,500 ft

Hardiness: 15°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 5' tall x 5' wide

Shape: Rounded

Growth Rate: Fast

Flowers: 3-4" spikes of purple spikes

Bloom Season: Late spring to early summer

Fruit: N/A

Foliage: 2" lance-shaped, fragrant gray-green leaves

Exposure: Full to part sun

Shade: Somewhat dense

Water Requirements: Low

***Salvia clevelandii* (Chaparral Sage) in Phoenix**

xeriscapes: Because *Salvia clevelandii* smells so amazing, it works really well near Phoenix entryways, sidewalks, patios, and any other areas (especially upwind) where its fragrance can be fully appreciated. Use Chaparral Sage in a perennial garden, or as a background or foundation plant. Very low maintenance.

Wildlife: Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

More about *Salvia clevelandii* (Chaparral Sage):

- Chaparral Sage tolerates most well draining soils.
- Remove spent flowers of *Salvia clevelandii* and provide weekly deep irrigation.
- *Salvia clevelandii* likes afternoon shade in Phoenix.
- *Salvia clevelandii* 'Winnifred Gilman' is a more compact cultivar (3' x 3'), 'Poza Blue' is hardier, and 'Aromas' has bigger, dark blue blooms.
- Remove spent flower heads of the *Salvia clevelandii* to promote blooming.
- Foliage of the Chaparral Sage can be made into tea or used in potpourri.