

Autumn Sage - *Salvia greggii*

Other Common Names: Autumn Salvia, Cherry Sage, Texas red sage, Red Chihuahuan Sage



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Salvia greggii

✦ **Native Evergreen Perennial Shrub**  **Pollinators**



Full Sun



Water: Low, drought tolerant

2-3' Tall / Wide **Color:** Red flowers

Blooms: Spring-fall

Aromatic, mounding shrub **Pest & disease resistance**

Attracts bees and hummingbirds

Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener

General Information

A popular evergreen shrub, autumn sage is native to much of Texas. It works well in containers, borders, or mass plantings. The branches originate near the base of the plant resulting in a vase-shaped appearance. Small 1-inch flowers from spring through fall. It tolerates heat and requires little supplemental water after the plant is established. The historically red-flowered plant is now available in several colors and attracts hummingbirds.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 7-9

Size: 2-3 ft. w/h

Flowers: Red, white, pale yellow, orange, salmon, fuchsia, purple, red-violet burgundy, and color/white combinations; sequentially up bloom stalk

Bloom time: Spring to Fall

Leaves: Small, pale/medium green and slightly aromatic

Growth Habit/Shape: Mound

Soil requirements: Adaptable; Free draining

Propagation: Tip cuttings in Spring or early Fall; Seed

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor

Pests and Disease Problems

Resistant to damage from pests or disease

Plant Care

Plant in spring or early summer in prepared soil in a sunny or filtered-sun landscape area. Water during extended periods of hot, dry conditions. Prune back by 1/3 to 1/2 in early spring and again in late summer to maintain a tidy shape.

Notes

Stems are brittle so avoid areas of foot traffic.

Sources for Additional Information

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=sagr4

NC State Extension

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/salvia-greggii/>

Texas SmartScape

<https://txsmartscape.com/plant-search/greggs-salvia>