

Salvia brandegeei 'Pacific Blue'



A NEW SAGE FROM THE GARDEN — SALVIA 'PACIFIC BLUE'

The botanic garden is pleased to introduce our 33rd cultivar. *Salvia brandegeei* 'Pacific Blue' will appeal to gardeners who covet blue flowers, sages in general, and water-thrifty, durable plants.

Vital statistics:

PLANT FORM drought deciduous shrub

SIZE 3 to 4 feet tall by 4 to 6 feet wide

LIGHT EXPOSURE full sun

WATER NEEDS drought tolerant

SOIL reasonably well drained

FLOWERS gentian blue, borne in profusion on 1 to 2 foot stalks in spring

CARE To maintain a bushy habit, remove the spent flower stalks and cut the upper branches back by 1/3 in late summer or fall.

The chocolate brown seed heads are attractive in dried arrangements, and the nutritious seeds within are eaten by many species of birds. 'Pacific Blue' partners well with a host of drought-tolerant natives, including island bush poppy, our lord's candle, golden yarrow, low-growing coffeeberries, *Lessingia* 'Silver Carpet', bunchgrasses, and dudleyas.