

BRANCHING OUT

A California Native Plant Introduction Program



Salvia cedrosensis 'Baja Blanca'
Baja Blanca Cedros Island Sage



The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden's Plant Introduction Program "Branching Out" is dedicated to increasing awareness, appreciation, and availability of outstanding California native plants for landscapes and gardens.

BOTANICAL NAME _____ *Salvia cedrosensis*

CULTIVAR NAME _____ 'Baja Blanca'

COMMON NAME _____ Baja Blanca Cedros Island Sage

FAMILY NAME _____ Lamiaceae

ORIGIN _____ A selection by Michael Benedict from Cedros Island off the coast of Baja California, Mexico.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____ A low, rounded subshrub to 2 ft tall and slightly wider. The white stems bear gray-green, somewhat rounded leaves 0.5 inch long and 0.75 inch wide. The 0.5 inch white flowers (the species is typically light to medium blue) are held in 4-5 inches long inflorescences.

WATER REQUIREMENTS _____ Tolerates drought conditions in southern California.

SOIL REQUIREMENTS _____ Well-drained soil best, but accepts heavy soils with careful watering.

EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS _____ Full sun to light shade inland.

PESTS AND DISEASES _____ As with the genus, 'Baja Banca' is prone to aphid infestations on new growth, but is otherwise insect- and disease-free. Avoid excess summer watering to prevent root rot pathogens.

HARDINESS _____ Does not tolerate freezes.

LANDSCAPE VALUE _____ This diminutive sage has a pleasing shape, copious flowers, and a long blooming season, especially in when grown as a container specimen.

PROPAGATION _____ Easy from cuttings.

SALES POTENTIAL _____ Sages continue to be popular ornamentals, and interest in drought tolerant plants is rising. The unusual white flowers and attractive appearance in containers recommend this selection.

NURSERY AVAILABILITY _____ Native Sons Nursery (<http://www.nativeson.com/home2.html>)
 Suncrest Nurseries (<http://www.suncrestnurseries.com/>)
 Tree of Life Nursery (<http://www.treeoflifenuresery.com/>)

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