

**Genus:** *Salvia*

**Common Name:** Mexican bush sage, Velvet sage

**Species:** *leucantha*

**Cultivar:**

**Origin:** Central and Eastern Mexico

**Family:** Lamiaceae



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**Kind of Plant:** Perennial

**Seasonal Habit:** Evergreen

**Growth Habit:** Spreading, sprawling

**Height:** 3-4 ft

**Width:** 3-6 ft

**Light Needs:** Sun-Part Sun

**Water Needs:** Drought Tolerant - performs well with no irrigation after first 2 years.

**Special Identifying Features**

**Leaves:** Simple, 5" to 6" linear, dark gray-green above, white below.

**Bark/Twig:** Velvety, square stems, woody at base.

**Flowers:** Stems with whorls of velvety purple in fall, ¾" to 1½", showy.

**Fruit:** None.

**Disease(s):**

(Refer to Disease and Pest Control chart for treatments.)

**Pest(s):**

**Special Points:**

Cut flowering stems to ground in winter after blooms. Attracts hummingbirds, bees, butterflies. 'Eder' cultivar has leaves with creamy white edges. 'Midnight' cultivar, considered by many the best looking form, has purple flowers.

**Campus Location:** 1) East side of Bakewell Bldg., 2) Tresidder patio