Genus: Salvia  
Species: leucantha  
Cultivar:  
Family: Lamiaceae  

Common Name: Mexican bush sage, Velvet sage  
Origin: Central and Eastern Mexico  

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):  
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  

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