

Salvia columbariae

Chia

ANNUAL, usually grown from seed.

4-20" high.

Leaves basal, slightly bristly.

Flowers in whorls, deep/bright blue
— March to June.



Native habitat: dry disturbed areas in coastal sage scrub and chaparral, below 8500' — mainly in southern California (from coast to the desert), but also in southern Sierra Nevada and coast ranges, and to Utah and Arizona.



Full sun.

Prefers sandy, well drained soil.

Water 1-2 x / month. No summer water.

Good for birds, butterflies, bees.
Has slight perfume.



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