

*Salvia spathacea*

## Pitcher Sage, Hummingbird Sage

PERENNIAL with creeping rhizomes.

1 - 3' high, 1 - 3' spread.

Leaves deep green, large (4 to 6" long).

Flowers deep rose on tall spikes - March to May.

Native habitat: chaparral, oak woodland; grassy and shady slopes below 2000' - coast ranges from Orange County to central California.

Shade - best under trees, except on immediate coast.

Drought tolerant once established, but tolerates summer water.

Can be used as a groundcover.

Good in mixed borders and under trees (grows naturally as understory to oaks).

Favorite of hummingbirds.

Aromatic.



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