

Salvia mellifera

Black Sage

WOODY SUBSHRUB.

3 - 5' high, 6'+ spread.

Open, branching, erect.

Leaves dark green, wrinkled and aromatic.

Blue, lilac or occasionally white flower clusters - April to July.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral - dry slopes and benches below 2000' - Baja California to central California.

Full sun to part shade.

Somewhat frost resistant.

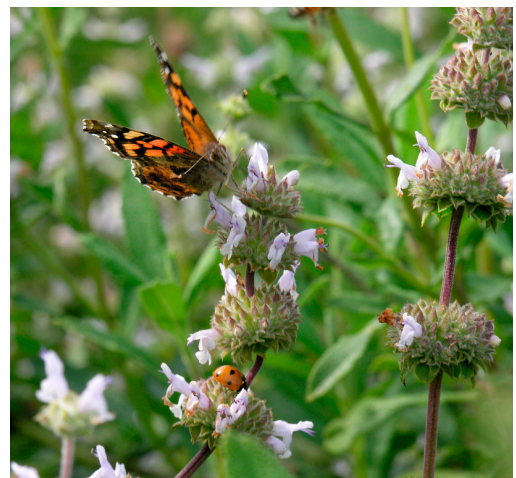
No summer water needed but stays green and less woody with some irrigation.

Good for slope stabilization and recovering disturbed areas.

Excellent bee, butterfly and hummingbird plant.

Mellifera means "honey bearing."

Semi-dormant by end of summer.



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