

**Arctic Blaze® Red Sage*****Salvia 'Novasalred'***

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Meadow Clary, Meadow Sage

Group/Class: Arctic Blaze Series

Description:

A vigorous, compact selection with sturdy flexible branches, producing volumes of bright, coral-red blooms all season; a beautiful addition to borders or beds with its dense and bushy form; prefers full sun locations

Ornamental Features

Arctic Blaze Red Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of coral-pink flowers with red overtones and burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Arctic Blaze Red Sage is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Arctic Blaze Red Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Arctic Blaze Red Sage flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Planting & Growing

Arctic Blaze Red Sage will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Arctic Blaze Red Sage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.