

# Ritchie

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### Lyrical™ Silvertone Meadow Sage

*Salvia nemorosa 'Balyricsil'*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Perennial Salvia

#### Description:

A bushy variety with stunning spikes of long lasting blue-violet and silver flowers that fade to reveal burgundy calyces, for extended garden color; somewhat drought tolerant; excellent for the sunny border or containers



*Lyrical Silvertone Meadow Sage  
flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### Ornamental Features

Lyrical Silvertone Meadow Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of sky blue flowers with silver overtones and burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from early to late summer, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant narrow leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Lyrical Silvertone Meadow 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 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.

Lyrical Silvertone Meadow Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Lyrical Silvertone Meadow Sage will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Lyrical Silvertone Meadow 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, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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