



Salute<sup>™</sup> Light Pink Meadow Sage Salvia nemorosa 'Salute Light Pink'

Plant Height: 12 inches Flower Height: 16 inches Spread: 12 inches Spacing: 10 inches Sunlight: **O** Hardiness Zone: (annual) Other Names: Perennial Salvia Group/Class: Salute Series

## **Description:**

A wonderful heat and humidity tolerant variety, producing long flower spikes covered in stunning light pink blooms, rising above fragrant green foliage; a lovely addition to containers, borders, garden landscapes and fresh cut flower arrangements

## **Ornamental Features**

Salute Light Pink Meadow Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of shell pink flowers with burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

## Landscape Attributes

Salute Light Pink Meadow Sage is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.



Salute Light Pink Meadow Sage flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.

Salute Light Pink Meadow Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

## **Planting & Growing**

Salute Light Pink Meadow Sage will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Salute Light Pink Meadow Sage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.