# Skyscraper™ Dark Purple Salvia

***Salvia 'HYBSV16016'***



*Skyscraper Dark Purple Salvia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 15 inches

Flower Height: 28 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Perennial Sage, Meadow Clary, Meadow Sage

Group/Class: Skyscraper Series

**Description:**

An attractive, well branched salvia producing volumes of tall, sturdy stems covered in big, deep purple-red blooms from late spring into fall; a beautiful addition to borders or beds with its dense and bushy form; looks fantastic in containers



*Skyscraper Dark Purple Salvia in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Skyscraper Dark Purple Salvia has masses of beautiful spikes of deep purple flowers with red overtones and burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The deep purple stems can be quite attractive.

**Landscape Attributes**

Skyscraper Dark Purple Salvia 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.

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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.

Skyscraper Dark Purple Salvia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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**Planting & Growing**

Skyscraper Dark Purple Salvia will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity extending to 28 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.

Skyscraper Dark Purple Salvia 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.