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# Spring King Mini Rose Meadow Sage Salvia nemorosa 'Spring King Mini Rose'

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Perennial Salvia

## **Description:**

A miniature, early blooming variety producing stunning spikes of rich rose-pink flowers; deadhead faded blooms for extended garden color; extra compact and tidy; excellent for sunny border fronts or containers



Spring King Mini Rose Meadow Sage flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Spring King Mini Rose Meadow Sage has masses of beautiful spikes of rose flowers with pink overtones and burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from mid spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its small fragrant narrow leaves remain emerald green in colour throughout the season. The burgundy stems can be quite attractive.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Spring King Mini Rose 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into 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.

Spring King Mini Rose Meadow Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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### **Planting & Growing**

Spring King Mini Rose Meadow Sage will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 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. 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 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 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.

Spring King Mini Rose 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. 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.