

## Salvia nemorosa 'Mainacht' May Night Sage

Salvia nemorosa 'Mainacht' (May Night Sage) is a hardy, reliable sage that boasts erect spires of dense, royal purple flowers in early summer. Typical of sages, the scent of both the flowers and lightly crushed leaves is refreshingly herbal. From May to July, the dark purple flowers provide an irresistible nectar source for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. May Night Sage is a compact Salvia, reaching only 2' tall and wide. Leaves are textured and matte green, providing a stark contrast with the flower color. Prefers full sun in gravelly or sandy soils but is tolerant of most soil types as well as soils are kept moist, but well-drained. Once established, the plant exhibits good drought tolerance and is resistant to herbivore browse. Good for use in masses and as a cut flower to bring the lovely scent indoors.

**Botanical Name:** Salvia nemorosa 'Mainacht'

**Common Name:** May Night Sage

**Family:** Lamiaceae

**Nativity:** Not Native to US

**USDA Zone:** 4 to 8

**Light Type:** Full sun

**Soil Type:** Loam, Clay, Sand

**Soil Preferences:** Performs well in gravelly or sandy soils; requires good drainage

**Soil Moisture:** Dry to medium

**Typical height (ft):** 1.5-2'

**Typical width (ft):** 1-1.5'

**Foliage:** Matte green foliage

**Bloom Time:** May, June, July

**Bloom:** Deep royal purple

**Ecological features:** Nectar attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds

**Tolerance of:** Deer, drought, salt, heat

**Additional notes:** Highly-rated, reliable salvia; tubular flowers attract hummingbirds; fragrant leaves and flowers

**Companion plants:** Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*), other Salvia species, Early Bird Catmint (*Nepeta* 'Early Bird'), Album Cranesbill Geranium (*Geranium sanguineum* 'Album'), Blue Moor Grass (*Sesleria caerulea*)

**For more information see:**

<http://www.newmoonnursery.com/plant/Salvia-x-sylvestris-May-Night>

<https://www.midwestgroundcovers.com/plant/Salvia-nemorosa-May-Night>

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/sites/default/files/pdf/plantinfo/salvia2016.pdf>

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/salvia/growing-different-salvia-types.htm>

**Images of Salvia nemorosa 'Mainacht'**



Salvia nemorosa Mainacht 1zz.jpg

Plant form – compact, erect shape. Slightly more tall than wide.



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Flower and foliage color – deep purple flower with matte green leaf.



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Deep purple color and spire form of flowers.



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Upright, mounded form with dense flower spikes.



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Use in the garden with Rosa 'Buff Beauty' with Stipa tenuissima.

**Image choices for narrative:**

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