

Salvia pratense 'Pink Delight' Pink Delight Meadow Sage

The brilliant pink blooms of *Salvia pratense* 'Pink Delight' (Pink Delight Meadow Sage) are sure to brighten any display. Visually stunning, this sage variety also provides a pleasantly herbal scent from the flowers and lightly crushed foliage. Pink Delight Meadow Sage has a compact form (less than 2' tall and 2' wide) lending it for use in flowing masses, narrow border plantings, or as a potted thriller. Like most sages, this plant requires good drainage, but otherwise has flexible soil requirements and is drought tolerant once established. The branching, densely-flowered spikes (10" tall) attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds from May through June. Good for gardens plagued by rabbits and deer, as this herbal plant is largely left un-nibbled. While this specific variety may be difficult to find in nurseries, there are now many, more widely available, pink-flowered sages that share similar form and growing requirements. Prefers full sun, well-drained dry to medium soils, but is also drought tolerant.

Botanical Name: *Salvia pratense* 'Pink Delight'

Common Name: Pink Delight Meadow Sage

Family: Lamiaceae

Nativity: Europe

USDA Zone: 4 to 8

Light Type: Full sun

Soil Type: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Preference: Lean soils; must be well-drained

Soil Moisture: Dry to Medium

Typical height (ft): 1.5-2' including 10" flower spikes that rise above foliage.

Typical width (ft): 1.5-2'

Foliage: Green to gray-green in color. Wrinkled leaves.

Bloom Time: May, June, July

Bloom: Pink, lavender-pink

Ecological features: Floral resources for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

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

Additional notes: This cultivar has limited nursery availability.

Companion plants: Creeping Thyme (*Thymus serpyllum*), Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe involucrata*), Shimmer Evening Primrose (*Oenothera fremontii* 'Shimmer'), Oriental Poppies (*Papaver orientale*), Day Lilies (*Hemerocallis*), Yarrow (*Achillea*), and other Sage varieties (*Salvia* spp.).

For more information see:

<https://www.perennials.com/plants/salvia-sylvestris-pink-delight.html>

<https://www.highcountrygardens.com/gardening/planting-salvia>

<https://www.lurigarden.org/plants/meadow-sage-pink-delight/>

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

Images of *Salvia pratense* 'Pink Delight'



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Flower spikes & plant form – compact & erect



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Flower spike up close.



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Close-up of flower.



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Good use in mass plantings.



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