

Salvia L. × 'Mystic Spires Blue'

Mystic Spires Blue Sage

- *Salvia* × 'Mystic Spires Blue', or Mystic Spires Blue Salvia, is a reported hybrid cultivar originating as an irradiated seedling from *Salvia* × 'Indigo Spires' which is thought to be of hybrid origin from a chance cross between our native *Salvia farinacea* × *Salvia longispicata*; 'Mystic Spires Blue' functions as essentially a dwarf version of the old standby *Salvia* × 'Indigo Spires'; 'Mystic Spires Blue' matures at a height of 18" to 24" and seldom needs the renewal pruning required for 'Indigo Spires' to remain dense and in flower; repeated flushes of spikes of indigo blue flowers are present from late spring to frost; the rich green foliage and blue flowers have made 'Mystic Spires Blue' a valuable addition to the perennial border or mixed color plantings.
- Mystic Spires Blue Sage has similar requirements as 'Indigo Spires' in the garden, a sunny spot with moist well drained soils will provide the best flower display; pinching of young plants will encourage a denser canopy; this cultivar is scheduled to be designated a Texas Superstar®.

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