

Russian Sage

Perovskia atriplicifolia

Right: Lacy, gray-green foliage is complemented by soft purple flowers

Below: The cultivar 'Filigran' in full bloom



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Family: Lamiaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: perennial

Size: 24-60" tall; 24-48" wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4

Leaves: fragrant, coarsely toothed, 1-2" long

Leaf Color: gray-green

Fall Color: yellow to none

Flowers: blooms July-September, blue-purple panicles of tubular flowers

Fruit: not ornamental

Light: full sun

Moisture: well-drained—dry

Insect/Disease Issues: none serious

Nativity: Asia

Location in the Gardens: Hillside Garden, Events Plaza, Sunny Side Yard Garden

Culture & Landscape Value:

Drought tolerant perennial with fragrant leaves and flowers. Adds airy texture to a garden space. Good for the back or middle of the border. A lot of newer cultivars are compact—'Little Spire', 'Blue Jean Baby', and 'Denim 'n Lace' are the most common. Stems are stiff and upright, but older plants can flop over toward the end of summer.

Notes:

Named after General V.A. Perovski.

'Little Spire' was the Perennial Plant of the Year in 1995

To propagate—take softwood cuttings in summer and allow to root for 14-21 days.



Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec