Salvia, Rose Marvel

Salvia nemorosa 'Rose Marvel'

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Perennial Meadow Sage

Group/Class: Marvel Series

Description:

A bushy variety with stunning spikes of large, rich rose flowers that fade to reveal burgundy calyces, for extended garden color; long flowering, and re-blooms without cutting back; excellent for the sunny border or containers

Ornamental Features

Salvia, Rose Marvel has masses of beautiful spikes of rose flowers with burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from early summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive hot pink flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Salvia, Rose Marvel 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.



Salvia, Rose Marvel flowers
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Salvia, Rose Marvel in bloom
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This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for 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.

Salvia, Rose Marvel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Salvia, Rose Marvel in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Salvia, Rose Marvel will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.

Salvia, Rose Marvel 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.