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Windwalker Royal Red Salvia

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Windwalker® Royal Red Salvia Salvia 'PWIN03S'

Plant Height: 3 feet Flower Height: 4 feet Spread: 4 feet Spacing: 4 feet Sunlight: **O** Hardiness Zone: (annual) Group/Class: Windwalker Collection



Description:

A hardy hybrid producing tall spikes of large, deep red flowers that cloak the plant from early summer to fall; highly attractive to hummingbirds; a beautiful addition to borders or beds with its light foliage and bushy form; looks great in containers

Windwalker Royal Red Salvia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Windwalker Royal Red Salvia has masses of beautiful spikes of red flowers with burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant pointy leaves remain light green in colour throughout the season. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Windwalker Royal Red Salvia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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 bees, 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.

Windwalker Royal Red Salvia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Windwalker Royal Red Salvia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 4 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet apart. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Windwalker Royal Red Salvia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.