**Salvia farinacea ‘Victoria White’ ‘Victoria White’ Sage**

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**Introduction**

This cultivar of blue salvia, native to the southwestern United States, adds a soft white color to any sunny landscape (Fig. 1). Plants grow to about 2 feet tall and will spread with a tight head to about two feet. Flower spikes are held well above the dense, grey/green foliage, displaying the striking white color nicely. Plants are very uniform, providing a nice, solid structure to any landscape planting.

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**General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Salvia farinacea* ‘Victoria White’  
**Pronunciation:** SAL-vee-uh fair-rin-NAY-see-uh  
**Common name(s):** ‘Victoria White’ sage, ‘Victoria White’ salvia  
**Family:** Labiatae  
**Plant type:** perennial; herbaceous  
**USDA hardiness zones:** 9 through 11 (Fig. 2)

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**Description**

**Height:** 2 to 3 feet  
**Spread:** 1 to 3 feet  
**Plant habit:** upright  
**Plant density:** moderate  
**Growth rate:** fast  
**Texture:** medium

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**Foliage**
- **Leaf arrangement:** whorled
- **Leaf type:** simple
- **Leaf margin:** serrate
- **Leaf shape:** ovate
- **Leaf venation:** not applicable
- **Leaf type and persistence:** semi-evergreen
- **Leaf blade length:** 2 to 4 inches
- **Leaf color:** green
- **Fall color:** not applicable
- **Fall characteristic:** not applicable

**Flower**
- **Flower color:** white
- **Flower characteristic:** summer flowering; fall flowering

**Fruit**
- **Fruit shape:** no fruit
- **Fruit length:** no fruit
- **Fruit cover:** no fruit
- **Fruit color:** not applicable
- **Fruit characteristic:** inconspicuous and not showy

**Trunk and Branches**
- **Trunk/bark/branches:** not applicable
- **Current year stem/twig color:** green
- **Current year stem/twig thickness:** thin

**Culture**
- **Light requirement:** plant grows in full sun
- **Soil tolerances:** acidic; sand; loam; clay
- **Drought tolerance:** moderate
- **Soil salt tolerances:** unknown
- **Plant spacing:** 6 to 12 inches

**Other**
- **Roots:** not applicable
- **Winter interest:** not applicable
- **Outstanding plant:** not particularly outstanding
- **Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive
- **Pest resistance:** long-term health usually not affected by pests

**Use and Management**
Space plants about 12 inches apart to quickly form a solid mass of purple color. Set a mass planting of salvia in front of a dark green background of foliage from a dense shrub for maximum effect. Salvia also looks nice planted in a perennial border mixed with other perennials and grasses.

**Pests and Diseases**
- **Aphids** suck plant juices and may coat the leaves with sticky honeydew.
- **Powdery mildew** may coat the leaves with a white powdery growth.