

Pitcher sage

Lamiaceae

Lepechinia calycina



In the Garden

This semi-evergreen shrub grows to 3' tall and 4-5' wide and is best known for its soft and hairy, strongly fragrant leaves and long racemes of showy white flowers blushed with lavender.

Plant performs beautifully when massed along a path with California poppies, Blue-eyed grass, and Mules ears.

This plant is drought tolerant, but needs good drainage. Plant in sun to partial shade.

Sun: Full Sun, Part Shade

Water: Dry, Light

Soil: Clay, Loam, Sand

Other: Attracts Birds, Deer Resistant, Drought Tolerant

Ecological Value:

Provides nectar for hummingbirds.

Historical Uses:

The Miwok used an extract of the leaves of this plant to treat fever and headache.

Native Distribution:

Endemic to California

Elevation:

Between 0 and 3000 feet

Plant Communities:

Chaparral, Foothill Woodland

Habitat:

Dry Slopes

