



Worth Park Gardens Victorian Plants



Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Blue spire' **Common name: Russian sage** **Family name: Lamiacea**

Facts: A subshrub from Afghanistan which was probable introduced to the United Kingdom around 1904.

The etymological root of the binomial name *Perovskia* was named for General Vasily Alekseevich Perovski (1794-1857), a 19th century imperial general and statesman.

Note: Russian sage is also an important plant that can clean up soil contaminates (Phytoremediation) – Phyto from Greek meaning (plant) and remedium from Latin meaning (restoring balance).

- **Position:** Full sun. (Drought tolerant)
- **Hardiness:** Frost hardy up to -15°C.
- **Flowering:** Panicle narrow flowers of soft lilac-blue in summer to early autumn. (pollinator friendly)
- **Propagation:** Propagate by softwood cuttings in late spring or by heeled cuttings or lateral shoots in summer.
- **Pruning:** A Little pruning is necessary in early spring-cut back to healthy shoots.
- **Pest and diseases:** Generally, pest and disease free.

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