Plant Name	Scientific	Common	Family	Date Reviewed 03/24/20
Salvia reptans 'P016S'		Autumn Sapphire Sage	<u>Lamiaceae</u>	
Propagation Method		Native to		
Cuttings		Texas		
Treatments (Suggested procedures)				

Cuttings root relatively easily. 2" nonflowering tip cuttings root well. Strip or remove leave from the lower 1/3 of the stem. Plants respond well to rooting hormone. 1:10 woods or dip'n'grow are effective. Plants also root with talc based hormones. Cuttings should be placed under a frequent interval mist in a well draining cutting mix. 8 seconds of mist every 10-12 minutes keeps plants from wilting. Plants can be removed from mist after the first 3-5 days if they are watered daily. Rooting media could be 3:1 perlite to peat or 100% sand. Keep greenhouse and/or soil temps above 60 F. Cuttings should be forming roots in 10-14 days and transplantable in 21 days.

# **Collection Timing and Strategies**

Cuttings can be taken anytime the plants are in a vegetative growth state. These are warm season plants and need soil temps above 50 to start growing. Stock plants can be forced into growth with bottom heat and daylength extension.

#### **Cultural Information**

#### Greenhouse conditions

This plant is pretty easy to grow. Finish plants in a most but well draining mix. Fertilize as needed or incorporate a slow release fertilizer. Being a warm season plant longer days and warmer temperatures are preferred.

### Garden conditions

Salvia reptans 'P016S' is an adaptable plant that can be grown in many different microclimates. Plants perform well in areas that have good texture and preferr some drainage. If over watered or grown in wet heavy soils this plant can become floppy. Once established this plant only really needs to be cleaned up in the fall once it has gone dormant. Plant pairs well with grasses and other prairie plants.

## Other Expert Advice

To keep plants shorter and more robust prune plants once they reach about 12". Cut to about 2" then plants can be left alone for the rest of the season.