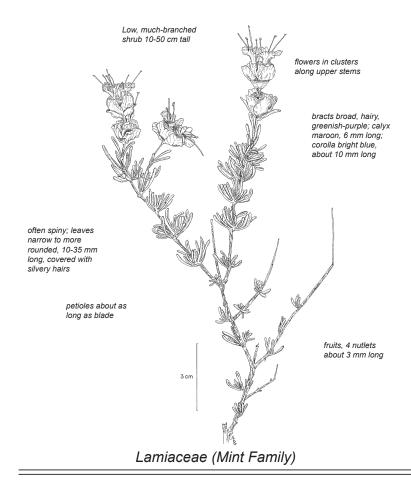
Mearns Sage Salvia dorrii

VERDE VALLEY SAGE

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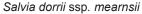
Phenology: flowers April to May, with lesser flowering during the year as conditions are favorable; seed set May onward.

Management Responsibility: USFS (Coconino NF, Prescott NF), AZ State Land Dept, ASP (Red Rock SP), private.

Similar Species: the more widespread, cuneate-leaved *Salvia dorrii* does not occur in the Verde Valley area.

Notes: characteristic sage-like smell when leaves are crushed. Scattered colonies, sometimes with hundreds of plants, occur in localized habitats.

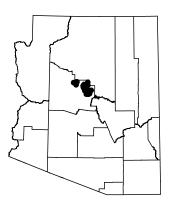
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Habitat: grayish powdery calcareous soils and white, powdery gypseous limestone of Tertiary lakebed deposits in open Sonoran desertscrub; and redbrown clay and sandy soil of Supai/Hermit Formation in pinyonjuniper woodland; Redwall Limestone. 3,200-4,560 ft (975-1390 m) elevation.





Range: Verde Valley, Upper Verde River, and near Sedona.