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# PROVEN WINNERS'



Full Sun/ Part Shade

Well Draining Fertile Soil



Keep moist To Encourage More Flowers





Wear gloves and wash hands after gardening

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# **'Rockin'** Salvia

## Salvia splendens

# KEY BENEFITS

All **'Rockin'** *Salvias* are blooming machines. They never stop flowering. **'Rockins'** are bred from selections of *Salvia guaranitica*, a native from Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. The plants are hardy and make a great show of spectacular colour. They send up flower spikes all year long in warmer areas but have a slowdown in cooler climates. Flowers attract the honey birds and the bees to the flowering which is a regular source of honey and pollen for them. Once established, they are somewhat drought tolerant because of their unusual, moisture conserving root rhizomes.

### ORIGIN

Salvia guaranitica grows in nature in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina where in some cases they can attain up to 1m in height. Plants generally grow on the fringes of forested areas where there is some protection from strong winds and they get broken light. As the plants grow they need protection from strong winds which may break some branches but they soon reshoot again. Modern breeding with selections of *Salvia guaranitica* collected from its broad range has resulted in some new and vibrant cultivars.

### USES

*Salvias* as a whole are splendid and showy plants. They are hardy in most situations liking strong light to grow and flower to their best. They are used in formal and informal plantings, patio and terrace plantings and large pots. In mixed garden plantings they hold their own with their large plume like heads of bracts and flower showing up strongly amongst the shrubs around them. The actual flowers hide amongst the bracts and are pale pink to white in colour.

### CARE

With a few key needs *Salvias* are easy to manage. They like a well-draining but fertile soil and need to be kept moist to encourage more flower. A garden or pot in full sun to part shade is best suited to growing **'Rockin'** *Salvias* to their best. You can prune to desired size at any time of the year in warmer areas. Particularly when young, pinching of the plants encourage more bracts and flowers. At regular intervals, say every 4-6 weeks go through the plants and remove the flowers that are spent. This is not absolutely necessary but does promote extra flowering. A little extra balanced fertiliser a couple of times a year is beneficial. Overall as long as these few points are supplied, little extra attention is needed.

Another super selection from the team at Proven Winners.



'Rockin' 'Deep Purple'



'Rockin' 'Fuchsia'

'Rockin' 'Golden Delicious'