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Plant Of The Month

Texas Sage— Lynn's Legacy *Leucophyllum langmaniae*



By Rob Wier

This variety of Texas Sage grows slowly in a rounded form to about 4-5' tall and wide. It blooms more often than other sages and when it does it's a real show stopper! Like most Texas Sage, it prefers full sun and good drainage. Does fine with once a week watering restrictions. Rarely needs pruning and blooms during the heat of the summer when we need something to cheer us up! Good companion plants are Blackfoot Daisy, *Salvia greggi*, Yuccas, Zexminia, Skeleton Leaf Goldeneye, and Rosemary to name a few.

This variety is not as common in the trade. We currently have about a hundred of them we grew just for you. So come in and get some before your neighbor does!



American Beautyberry



Timely Hints

By Rob Wier

Plant ... petunias, dianthus, snapdragons, and mums for fall color. Wait on pansies till late September, or better yet, October. You can plant or replace perennials and shrubs now -- just be sure to follow up with proper watering. Our Annual Tree Sale begins on September 13th this year. It's best to plant container trees now, but wait until mid to late October to plant balled and burlapped trees. Plant wildflowers now from seed.

Prune ... shrubs as needed to shape, and you can groom your perennials if they are shabby from the summer's heat.

Fertilize ... Time for the fall application of **Gardenville 7-2-2**. This will give everything -- lawns, shrubs, perennials, and trees -- a boost for fall. It's organic and non-burning and helps rejuvenate your soil after the long, hot, dry summer. Use **Greensand** on evergreen plants such as hollies, magnolias, and live oaks, to maintain a source of iron for healthy foliage. **Dry molasses** applied now will stimulate microbes in the soil that assist in making fertilizers work better and improve the health of your soil.

Pests ... Check your crape myrtles for scale. We carry an organic solution -- '**All Seasons Oil**'. Fall webworms have been common also. '**B.T.**' (**bacillus thurengensis**) will control these organically. Ironically, one person's pest is another's pet. We've had numerous people buying parsley and other host plants to feed their caterpillars in the garden. Use '**B.T.**' carefully, as it will kill these 'pet' caterpillars just as easily.

Fall is a good time to apply **beneficial nematodes** to keep fire ants, grub worms, and fleas under control.

Water ... as needed. Remember water **DEEPLY** and less frequently on established plantings and turf grass. Newly planted plants should be hand-watered with a hose **DAILY** (or at least every other day) for the first couple weeks to help them establish.

Lawns ... Keep mowing all turf about 2 1/2 - 3" to maintain enough green leaf tissue to store up energy in the roots before winter. Apply **Corn Gluten Meal** in mid to late September for pre-emergent weed control.

Other miscellaneous tasks ...

- ❖ Fall's cooler weather makes the soil microbes active again. Now is a good time to **top dress beds with compost to enrich the soil.**
- ❖ Trees planted last year or this spring can have their guy wires and stakes removed now.
- ❖ **Put out plant markers** to locate your perennials before they go dormant later this fall.
- ❖ **Use a rain gauge** to see how much rainfall you get at your house. If you receive a half-inch of rain or more, skip watering on your designated watering day.
- ❖ **Mosquito Control:** Put out Mosquito Bits and Mosquito Dunks to control the mosquito larvae.
- ❖ Finally, **reward yourself, get outside and enjoy your gardens this fall!**



\$5 OFF

Any Purchase Of

Garden Ville
7-2-2 Fertilizer

NOW

Is The Time For Fall Application!

One Coupon Per Household

Expires September 30, 2013



Fall is for Planting



By Rob Wier

September is the start of the fall planting season here in North Texas. While we can have some warm spells, the temperatures seem to moderate, especially at night.

As gardeners, we welcome this time of year to get outside again and play in the dirt. Here at Shades of Green we start our Annual Tree Sale this year on Friday the 13th of September (it's a good omen, trust me). We'll have a good selection of quality trees from large to small. We typically plant container grown trees throughout the year, but we will wait until mid-October to plant the B&B (balled & burlapped) trees to take advantage of the cooler weather for the tree.

September is also a good time to add fall vegetables in your garden. Typically we can have another round of squash, green beans, lettuce, radish, spinach, and turnips from seed if planted early in September. We'll also have plants available for cabbage, broccoli, kale, and others for fall planting.



Fall is also an ideal time for landscape enhancements. Whether your project is large or small we have the resources to assist you. Summer is the hardest season on plants here locally. Fall plantings have an opportunity to establish a good root system during the nine months before summer's heat comes around again; thereby holding up better during the dog days of summer.

An added benefit to Fall plantings is that the nursery stock we have in the store is the best quality of the entire year. This is due to during the summer the plants grow well at the farms that produce them with less purchasing demand. So we have the largest and fullest plants of the year in the fall.

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Annual Tree Sale

Sept 13, 2013—December 31, 2013
Container and B&B Trees 10 Gal & Larger!

\$0 — \$599	10% OFF
\$600- \$999	20% OFF
\$1000 & UP	30% OFF

See Sales Associate For Complete Details

Container Trees planted ASAP, B&B planting begins Oct 15, 2013 (buy early and be first on the list!)

Extra charges for planting in rock, difficult access, existing tree removal, fence removal, or planting outside a 20 mile radius of the nursery. Discounts valid for trees planted at one address.

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Be sure to attend our Tree Auction on September 21st. This event is where we auction assorted trees that are a little cosmetically challenged. These are #2 "ugly duckling" trees that will grow into trees as beautiful as a swan with just a little TLC. You'll want to take advantage of these great bargains! Make a plan to come on out if you are looking for a tree at a bargain price.



By the end of the month we'll have pumpkins in stock for fall decorating. Also, as of this writing, we are trying to arrange to have a food truck show up on Saturdays late Sept through October. How fun is that!?! (Watch our Facebook page for more news about it!)

So get out and enjoy this fall weather and let's plant something! Remember, Fall is for planting!



Tree Auction Is Back!!

Saturday, September 21, 2013

8AM – Registration

9AM – Auction Begins

Come bid on "Cosmetically Challenged" but healthy Trees.
Be prepared to transport your trees home the day of the auction.

Delivery & Planting available for a fee.

All Sales Final, No Guarantee.

**Love A Bargain?
Then You'll Love The
Tree Auction!**