

*A Must-Have California Native Plant!*

# Hummingbird Sage

*Salvia spathacea*



**Description:** True to its name, **Hummingbird Sage**, with its tall magenta spires of flowers, is very popular with hummingbirds. It is an excellent choice under oaks, forming a lovely evergreen mat that suppresses weeds.



**Light:** Full Sun / Part-Full Shade



**65** species of butterflies and moths can lay eggs on this plant.



**Featured Moth:** The **Wavy Lined Emerald Moth** has an unusual adaptation. In its caterpillar stage it camouflages itself with tiny bits of the plant it is eating, attaching them with its silk. If it moves to a different type of plant, it replaces its 'outfit' with fresh material.

**Keystone Plant:** This California native is a “must have” (host) plant for caterpillars, which, in turn, are the “must have” food for baby birds.

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