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*Salvia splendens*

**SCARLET SAGE** is a subshrub (grown as an annual in temperate regions). Native to southern Brazil it has small scarlet flowers.

It is also known as Bonfire flower, Bonfire salvia, *Camaro-es* (Portuguese), *Feuer-Salbei* (German), Firecrackers, Flowering sage, *Glänzende-Salbei* (German), Globe of the fire, *Pracht-Salbei* (German), *Pragt-Salvie* (Danish), *Praktsalvia* (Swedish), Red sage, Red salvia, *Šalvěj zářivá* (Czech), *Salvia*, *Šalvia ohnivá* (Slovak), *Sálvias* (Portuguese), *Sauge écarlate* (French), *Sauge éclatante* (French), *Scharlach-Salbei* (German), and *Tulisalvia* (Finnish).

There are several cultivated varieties.

*Splendens* is derived from Latin *splendeo* (to glitter, shine, be bright) meaning ‘splendid’.

Authorities believe that scarlet sage was introduced to Britain in 1822. Today it is familiar to gardeners in Europe and North America particularly as a bedding plant.