



SALVIA NEMOROSA “CARADONNA”

Fam. Lamiaceae

DESCRIPTION

Coarse plant with a bushy habit, it can grow up to 60 cm tall.

LEAVES

Evergreen basal rosettes; on the stem, the leaves are incised and opposite, lanceolate with an acute apex, green, with a 1-2 cm long petiole.

SEEDS

The fruit is a tetrachenium and its dark-brown seeds are very small.

HABITAT

This plant is native to continental Europe and Russia.

DISTRIBUTION

Cultivated for ornamental purposes throughout the Italian territory in private gardens, public parks and home terraces.

STEM

Vigorous, erect, stable and branchy stems.

INTERESTING FACTS

The generic name derives from Latin – it was also mentioned by Pliny – and refers to *Salvia officinalis*: a term originating from the verb *salvare* (to heal). The specific epithet comes from *nemus*, *nemoris* (wood), “growing in the woods”.

FLOWERS

Spike-shaped inflorescences with hermaphroditic, blue-purple zygomorphic flowers. The plant blooms multiple times from May to late autumn. Pollination occurs through insects such as Diptera and Hymenoptera, more rarely, through Lepidoptera (entomogamous pollination) or birds.

ROOTS

Rhizomatous roots.

