



***Lepechinia fragrans* 'El Tigre'**

Pitcher Sage

Perennial

Sun to partial shade

Moderate water

Origin: California

Pitcher Sage is one of the best California native plants for fragrance. It is in the mint family but is closely related to *Salvias*. The showy Foxglove like lavender flowers appear in spring on a long stem. It grows into a gangly, open shrub up to six feet high. To keep the plant dense, some pinching back is needed. Larger leaves appear in spring and are followed by smaller leaves after flowering. It is not a long lived plant but well worth it for the flowers and fragrance. It is generally pest and disease free. 'El Tigre' is a cultivar discovered on Santa Cruz Island.