



LEUCOPHYLLUM LANGMANIAE RIO BRAVO™

OUTSTANDING FEATURES: **Rio Bravo™** is an extremely popular selection of Texas Sage. It combines the rounded, dense compact form of *Leucophyllum frutescens* 'Compacta' with the rich green color of *Leucophyllum frutescens* **Green Cloud™**. The lavender flowers resemble those of *Leucophyllum laevigatum*, although the flower production of *Leucophyllum langmaniae* is not as profuse. **Rio Bravo™** provides lush green color in locations where the larger **Green Cloud™** cannot be accommodated.

DESCRIPTION: *Leucophyllum langmaniae* **Rio Bravo™** (Trademark by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery) is a medium to large shrub growing 5 feet tall and wide. Plants are reminiscent of *Leucophyllum laevigatum*, but have larger, lusher leaves, and a rounded, denser growth habit. Leaves are up to 1 inch long and 1/2 inch wide. The lavender-blue flowers are about 1 inch across, and will appear repeatedly along the upper parts of the stems from early summer through November or until frost. The best flowering is usually associated with summer rains, with a flush of flowers occurring 5-10 days after a good rain storm. **Rio Bravo™** was chosen from several clones for its richer green foliage and deeper lavender flower color.

CULTURE/MAINTENANCE: This clone is hardy to about 10° F if hardened off in the fall. **Rio Bravo™** requires good drainage, and can rot out in the landscape if drainage is not adequate. It is moderately drought tolerant once established, requiring supplemental water during the summer months. Like the other *Leucophyllum* species, *Leucophyllum langmaniae* grows rapidly during the hot summer months. Any pruning should be done in late winter or early spring, and again in early summer if needed. As with other *Leucophyllums*, this clone performs well without any supplemental fertilizers.

IDENTIFICATION: *Leucophyllum langmaniae* **Rio Bravo™** is similar to *Leucophyllum laevigatum*, but with a more lush appearance. The leaves are larger and the plant has a softer, more rounded form than the stiff, spiky *L. laevigatum*.



LANDSCAPE APPLICATION: **Rio Bravo™** is a durable shrub that tolerates full sun and reflected heat, and is used extensively in medians, right-of-way landscapes, and parking lot planters. It can be left unpruned to form an informal screen, or mixed with other shrubs and groundcovers. **Rio Bravo™** contrasts well with silver-foliaged plants such as *Leucophyllum candidum* **Thunder Cloud™**, *Dalea greggii*, *Buddelia marrubiifolia*, and *Dasyliirion wheeleri*.

PRECAUTIONS: Screen plants from rabbits for the first year or two. Also, be sure to plant in a soil with good drainage and in a full sun exposure. In part shade locations the flowering is not as profuse, and the plants tend to become leggy.

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Leucophyllum langmaniae **Rio Bravo**™ in flower in Phoenix.



Above: Plants showing the naturally rounded form of **Rio Bravo**™.

Left — Close up of the flowers of **Rio Bravo**™.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (HEIGHT X WIDTH)	5 feet x 5 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Lavender-blue
FLOWER SEASON	Summer, fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate-fast
HARDINESS	10° F USDA 8
PRUNING	Shear in spring
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Phoenix, Tucson, Palm Desert, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, West Texas

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