

## LANCELEAF SAGE

(*Salvia reflexa*)

**GROWTH HABIT:** Annual, grows from 4 to 28 inches tall.

**LEAVES:** Opposite, lanceolate to narrowly elliptic, up to 2 inches long, less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide, usually smooth above, hairy or smooth below; margins entire to slightly toothed; tips blunt or rounded.

**STEMS:** Erect or ascending, branched above base, minutely hairy to smooth.

**FLOWERS:** Bell-shaped, usually opposite, on short stalks, ranging from  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long.

**FRUITS:** Nutlets, egg-shaped, surrounded by dry chaffy bracts.

**OTHER:** Toxic to cattle, sheep and goats due to its accumulation of nitrates. This can also occur when it is fed in hay. However, this is rarely a problem because animals must consume large amounts of the plant and it occurs infrequently.

