

2026 Field Trial: Salvia Woodside, Ca.

Prologue: In 2025, we planted two Salvia plants, as food both for butterflies and for hummingbirds. Both were planted in native soil, under a coastal live oak tree. One received the SAI soil amendment at planting, the other did not. Otherwise, they received identical inputs, sunlight, etc. As perennials, both were cut back in the winter, and regrew in 2026.

2026 Update: In spring of 2026, both plants came back. The SAI treated plant is growing taller than the control plant, with 3x more stalks emerging from the soil/roots (6 vs. 2), with 2x more flowering stalks (18 vs. 9), with the largest leaves being 2.14x larger, and with much denser foliage (so far).

Photos: 15 May 2026



Photo 1 (L): “control” plant. It is shorter, has 2 stalks emerging from the soil/roots, 9 stalks with flowers, smaller leaves, and much less “dense” w.r.t. foliage (note barren stalks, lower third of plant).



Photo 2 (C): SAI treated plant. It is taller, has 6 stalks emerging from the soil/roots (3x more), 18 stalks with flowers (2x more), and is much denser w.r.t. foliage.

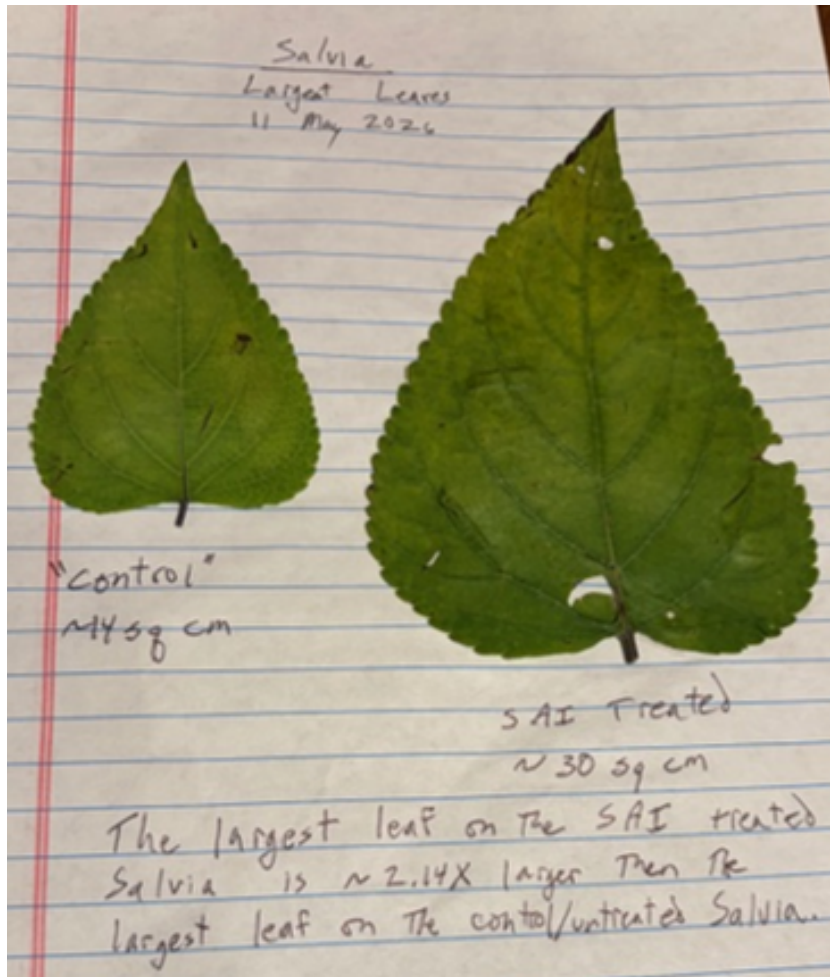


Photo 3 (R): Comparison between the largest leaves of the control plant (L), and the SAI treated plant (R). The largest leaf on the SAI treated plant is 2.14x larger than the largest leaf on the control plant.

Both plants will be monitored all year. At the end of season, after the rains come and the leaves fall off, we'll count the stalks, the flower stalks, the largest leaf size, and we'll dig up the root balls, and also measure those.