



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### **Huachuca Agave** *Agave parryi* var. *huachuensis*

**DESCRIPTION.** Huachuca Agave is a beautiful and robust succulent. The broad blue-green leaves with marginal teeth, forming a tight rosette. Each rosette is three to four feet across. They pup freely and can form large colonies in age. A mature rosette of this variety flowers after 10 to 20 years. A branching inflorescence of yellow flowers towers up to 15' into the air, attracting birds, bats, and insects. Huachuca Agave is native to oak woodlands between 5000' and 7000' elevation in southern Arizona and northern Sonora, Mexico.

**RECOMMENDED USE.** Makes a striking landscape accent. Also in desert landscapes and xeriscapes. It grows faster in the ground, but also looks good in a large container.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** Down to at least 10°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Can take full sun to light afternoon shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate; in desert climates irrigate every one to two weeks during the spring and fall when growth is most active; less frequently in the summer. Fertilize once or twice a year during the early spring and late summer for faster growth.



**Soil requirements:** Well-drained soil is best.



**Pruning:** None necessary.