



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Shindagger or Amole

Agave schottii

DESCRIPTION: This small century plant is widespread in the grasslands and lower oak zone from southern Arizona into Sonora. Its rosettes, with thin, untoothed leaves, clump freely and grow at a moderate rate to <18" tall X <24" wide. It gets its common name "Shindagger" due to its shin size height and the pointed tip of each leaf. At maturity (5 to 12 years) a rosette will send up a slender, unbranched, 7' stalk, usually in the months from May to July. The flowers are bright yellow and quite sweet smelling, attracting many bee species (the primary pollinators), as well as hummingbirds, butterflies, hawk moths, bats, and Orioles. Shindagger is the larval host plant for the butterfly called Poling's Giant Skipper.

RECOMMENDED USE: Barrier, rock garden, enhanced desert revegetation, controlling soil erosion, or as a container plant.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Shindagger is hardy down to at least 10°F



Sun tolerance: does best in full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Once established, it can get by on little supplemental water, but it will benefit from twice monthly watering in the ground; more often in pot. Feeding is not necessary in the ground.



Soil requirements: This plant will grow in most any soil.



Pruning: None needed, but plant away from paths.