



ARIZONA-SONORA  
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## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Banana Yucca or Dátil

*Yucca baccata*

**DESCRIPTION:** Banana Yucca is native to the mountains of Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. It grows in the oak and pine forests above 4000'. It grows slowly, clumping in great age to 8' across or more, but rarely reaching above 5' in height. In April or May a stalk of white flowers emerges from the beautiful blue-green leaves. If pollinated, banana-shaped fruit will form.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as an accent, for its form, or in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Very hardy; to at least 10°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Water once every week to 10 days for the first couple of years. Water use is low once established and feeding is seldom necessary.



**Soil requirements:** Most any soil will do.



**Pruning:** Not necessary, except for old flower stalks.