



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Mountain Yucca *Yucca (schottii) madrensis*

**DESCRIPTION:** This species is also known as *Yucca schottii*. It is one of the few yuccas that can tolerate the shade of trees or buildings. Young plants of Mountain yucca have a single, unbranched trunk to about 12 feet tall, while older plants may have more than one trunk from the base. Stiff blue-green 2½' long leaves make up the dense rosette. In early summer it sends up a spike of creamy white blossoms. Mountain Yucca grows naturally in oak woodland and pine-oak forests of the southwest US and northern Sonora.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** A great shade accent or specimen.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Very hardy; down to -10°F.



**Sun tolerance:** In the low desert, it appreciates some protection from the summer sun.



**Watering and feeding:** Appreciates regular watering after establishment.  
Fertilization is not necessary.



**Soil requirements:** Seems to take most soils, but deep soil is better.



**Pruning:** Plant it clear of paths and no pruning will be necessary.