



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Arizona Agave or Lechugilla

Agave ×arizonica

DESCRIPTION: This unusual plant is one of Arizona's native century plants, growing in the desert hills at the center of our state. It once had protected status before it was discovered that it is likely of hybrid origins. The slightly toothed dark green leaves have a striking orangish margin on heads reaching a foot or so in diameter. It clumps readily habit, give it an attractive look. At maturity (10-20 years) the main head of Arizona Agave sends up a flowering stalk up to 10' tall, usually between late April and July. The flowers are creamy yellowish-orange along a narrow inflorescence. The pups at the base of the plant will continue to grow, and bulbils (aerial plantlets) may grow on the flower stalk.

RECOMMENDED USE: Low barrier, accent specimen, enhanced desert revegetation, container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Arizona Agave is hardy to at least 15°F.



Sun tolerance: It grows best in full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Once established in the ground, water 3-4 times monthly more often in pot. Feeding is not necessary in the ground, but could be done once a year in containers.



Soil requirements: This plant is tolerant of most any soil.



Pruning: None needed if planted well away from paths.