



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Geelaalwyn *Aloe cryptopoda*

DESCRIPTION: This stemless succulent can be solitary or suckering to form small groups. Blue-green leaves form a dense rosette, often erect and curved inwards. Flowers occur in the spring on 3' inflorescences. Individual blossoms are tubular, over an inch long, and are bright orange-red, greenish to yellow-tipped. Geelaalwyn occurs on bare rocky slopes in central Africa.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent or specimen in a rock garden, for its form, to attract hummingbirds, or as a container plant.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to the mid-20's in Tucson.



Sun tolerance: Best in light shade or full morning sun.



Watering and feeding: Watch overwatering in the summer, when the plant is less active. Fertilize in fall and winter.



Soil requirements: Best in well-drained soil or potting mix.



Pruning: Only to remove old dried flower stalks.