Night-blooming Hesperaloe
Hesperaloe nocturna

DESCRIPTION: Night-blooming Hesperaloe is in the agave family, with century plants, yuccas, bear grass, and is closely related to the red yucca. It grows moderately fast in a clumping manner to as much as 5' across by 4' tall. This puts it at an intermediate size between the common red yucca and the huge Hesperaloe funifera. Flowers occur from April through October on long stalks. Each flower is whitish-green and about an inch long. Although they are open at night, attracting moths to pollinate them, they stay open during the day. Its native range is quite small; the low mountains east of Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use Night-blooming Hesperaloe as an accent, in a pollinator garden, a rock garden, enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, or in a patio container.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: It has been tested to be hardy to at least 22°F with no damage.

Sun tolerance: Full sun to moderate shade.

Watering and feeding: Low water use in the ground; once a week (1-2 times a week in a container). Fertilize once or twice a year.

Soil requirements: Any soil that drains will do.

Pruning: Only to remove flower stalks after bloom is finished.