



AGAVE VICTORIAE-REGINAE QUEEN VICTORIA AGAVE

OUTSTANDING FEATURES: *Agave victoriae-reginae* is one of the most striking species in cultivation. The dense, compact habit and beautiful white markings on both sides of the leaves make this a highly desirable ornamental. The toothless leaves is an added benefit for this user- friendly species.

DESCRIPTION: This small, compact plant grows to 18 inches tall wide. The short, stout leaves are dark green with white markings. Leaves do not have teeth along the edges, but have a very sharp terminal spine. The flowers are reddish-purple, and are densely packed on an unbranched spike that can reach 15 feet.

According to Gentry's book, Agaves of Continental North America, there are at least 7 horticultural forms of *Agave victoriae-reginae*. These forms are quite variable, with some forming single heads, and others that offset profusely. One of the prominent forms in horticulture, called *Agave ferdinandi-regis*, has longer, dark green leaves and a more open rosette.

CULTURE/MAINTENANCE: This agave is hardy to at least 10° F and possibly lower. It is very drought tolerant and develops the tightest form when watered sparingly. Queen Victoria Agave does not need to be watered in the winter. It is slow growing, taking several to many years to reach flowering size. Be sure to plant it in full sun and well-drained soil. The non-offsetting forms do not require any maintenance, but the offsetting forms should be thinned periodically.

IDENTIFICATION: *Agave victoriae-reginae* is easily identified by its compact size and distinctive leaves.

LANDSCAPE APPLICATION: Queen Victoria Agave is a very versatile plant. Its compact size and ornamental appeal make it an ideal candidate for decorative containers. In the ground, it looks great planted in cactus and succulent gardens, nestled among large boulders, or incorporated into raised planters. Avoid planting it too close to large shrubs that could obscure its beauty.

PRECAUTIONS: Because of its succulent leaves and roots, *Agave victoriae-reginae* is a favorite target for javelina, and should be protected.



As with other *Agave* species, flowering signals the end of the plant's life cycle. Unless you have a freely offsetting form, it will need to be replaced after flowering.

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AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	18 inches x 18 inches
FLOWER COLOR	Red to purple
FLOWER SEASON	Summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Very slow
HARDINESS	10° F USDA 8
PRUNING	None
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Tucson, Phoenix, Palm Desert, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, El Paso, Austin, San Antonio, West Texas, Houston

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