



# HESPERALOE PARVIFLORA 'YELLOW' YELLOW YUCCA

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**OUTSTANDING FEATURES:** The pure yellow flowers of this selection are a nice contrast to the many shades of red, pink, or coral colored flowers of the more common *Hesperaloe parviflora*. The yellow flowered form makes a spectacular splash when mixed in with red flowering plants.

**DESCRIPTION:** *Hesperaloe parviflora* `Yellow` is a stemless, clumping perennial that grows to about 3 feet tall and wide. The dark green, arching leaves are deeply channeled, with thin white threads along the edges, and measure up to 2 feet long. The long-lived flower spikes appear from late spring through the summer months. The flower spikes can reach 6 feet or more tall and produce flowers from late spring until early fall. These flowers are followed by woody pods.

**CULTURE/MAINTENANCE:** *Hesperaloe parviflora* `Yellow` is as easily grown as the more common red flowered form. This plant should be placed in full sun or reflected sun. It is soil tolerant as long as there is good drainage. This selection is very drought tolerant once established, surviving on less than 11 inches of annual rainfall. Its growth rate is moderate, but it will grow faster with some supplemental water in the summer. In addition to tolerating the hottest conditions, this plant is extremely cold hardy, down to about -20° F. Yellow Flowered Hesperaloe is very low maintenance; removal of the flower stalk after it has bloomed out is the only maintenance required.

**IDENTIFICATION:** *Hesperaloe parviflora* `Yellow` is easily distinguished from all other species of *Hesperaloe* by its creamy yellow flowers.

**LANDSCAPE APPLICATION:** Yellow Flowered Hesperaloe can be used in a variety of ways. First, it

can be used as a stand alone accent plant in a cactus and succulent garden. Second, it makes an outstanding display when mixed with the red or coral flowered forms, particularly when the plants are used in large masses. It can also be grouped with low water using groundcovers, shrubs, and small trees. Some great companion plants include *Dalea capitata* **Sierra Gold**™, *Dalea greggii*, *Lantana* species 'New Gold', *Dalea frutescens* **Sierra Negra**™, and any of the *Leucophyllum* selections. *Hesperaloe parviflora* `Yellow` also blends well with tall *Yucca* species such as *Yucca elata*, *Yucca grandiflora*, *Yucca rigida*, and *Yucca rostrata*. Since *Hesperaloe parviflora* is so tolerant of reflected heat conditions, it is an ideal plant for medians, streetscapes, parking lots, and other inhospitable sites. When you need a dependable, long-lived plant that can tolerate both extreme heat and cold, think *Hesperaloe*!



**PRECAUTIONS:** Yellow Hesperaloe is very low-maintenance and trouble free. However, rabbits and javelina will eat the leaves and sometimes the javelina will uproot the whole plant to get at the succulent roots.

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A median in the Phoenix area is planted with both red and yellow *Hesperaloe parviflora*.



A block of yellow *Hesperaloe parviflora* in bloom at Mountain States Nursery.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	3 Feet x 3 Feet
FLOWER COLOR	Creamy yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Late spring to fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	-20° F USDA 5
PRUNING	None
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Phoenix, Tucson, Palm Desert, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas, Salt Lake City



Yellow-flowering plant growing on a golf course in Tucson, Arizona.

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