



YUCCA SCHOTTII MOUNTAIN YUCCA

OUTSTANDING FEATURES: Mountain Yucca has a single, unbranched trunk topped by a dense rosette of blue-green leaves. In the early summer it sends up a spike of creamy white blossoms. Unlike most yuccas, Mountain Yucca is tolerant of shady exposures.

DESCRIPTION: Young plants have a single, unbranched trunk to about 12 feet tall, while older plants may have more than one trunk from the base. The dense rosette is made up of blue green leaves that measure 2.5 feet long and 2 inches wide, each with a narrow, brown margin. The leaves are slightly pliable yet stiff enough to warrant planting away from high traffic areas. The flower stalk grows to nearly 3 feet tall and is covered with small (for a *Yucca*), white flowers in the summer.

CULTURE/MAINTENANCE: *Yucca schottii* is hardy to -10° F, is not particular about soil type, and is tolerant of varied exposures. It grows naturally in open or shaded spots in oak woodland and pine-oak forests between 4,000 and 5,000 foot elevations, allowing it to tolerate the shade of trees and buildings. In the mid- and high-elevations of southern Arizona, it can also tolerate full sun, but should not be placed in reflected heat. Plants have a moderately slow growth rate, which speeds slightly with consistent watering from late spring into early fall. The sharp terminal leaf spine should be clipped until leaves are above head height. No other maintenance is needed.



IDENTIFICATION: *Yucca schottii* can be difficult to distinguish from *Yucca faxoniana* (= *Y. carnerosana*) when young. Larger plants are easier to separate; *Yucca schottii* is less stout and the leaves tend to be narrower and more blue-green than those of *Y. faxoniana*.

LANDSCAPE APPLICATION: *Yucca schottii* makes a bold, dramatic statement in the landscape and can be used singly or in clusters. As with other tall *Yucca* species, this one can be surrounded by colorful, low-growing perennials and shrubs for seasonal interest. Some compatible plants include: *Dalea frutescens* **Sierra Negra**™, *Eupatorium greggii* **Boothill**™, *Leucophyllum* species, *Penstemon* species, *Poliomintha maderensis* **Lavender Spice**™, *Sophora secundiflora*, *Viguiera deltoidea*, and *Zauschneria californica*.

PRECAUTIONS: Choose the planting location carefully and allow sufficient room for full development of the leaf crown.

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Mountain Yucca growing wild in the oak woodlands of the Chiricahua Mountains.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	12 feet x 5 feet
FLOWER COLOR	White
FLOWER SEASON	Summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part to full shade
WATER	Moderate to low
GROWTH RATE	Moderately slow
HARDINESS	-10° F USDA 6
PRUNING	None
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Tucson, Phoenix, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, El Paso, Albuquerque, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas

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