



DASYLIRION WHEELERI DESERT SPOON, SOTOL

Long-lived and low-maintenance, Desert Spoon is a carefree accent for desert gardens. This tough plant is native at elevations from 3000 to 6000 feet in southeastern Arizona, southern New Mexico, west Texas and Mexico. It grows slowly to form a dense rosette of silver-blue foliage, to 4-5 feet tall and wide. Over time, it develops a stout, short trunk. Its most common form is a rounded, single head, although sometimes multiple heads are produced. The leathery leaves have teeth along the margins, and a spoon-shaped base that gives the plant its name. Desert Spoon produces a narrow, 10 to 15 foot-tall spike of small tan flowers. *Dasyilirion wheeleri* thrives in full sun and reflected heat, and even tolerates some shade and humidity if drainage is adequate.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	5 feet x 6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Tan
FLOWER SEASON	Summer
EXPOSURE	Full Sun, Reflected Heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow - Moderate
HARDINESS	0° F, USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Remove Spent Flower Stalk



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