

Agave americana 'Marginata'

(Variegated American Century Plant)

The American century plant is a succulent that has large leaves that can attain 2 meters long. The leaves are variegated green or blue green with yellow, and they have spiky margins. During summer, they produce yellow fragrant flowers that attract birds and bats. For a plant to bloom it may take very long, up to 35 years sometimes.

American agave is a heat and drought tolerant plant. It requires full sun, and well drained, poor soils to grow.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Agave d'Amérique

Arabic Name: أغاف أمريكي

Pronunciation: a-GAH-vee a-mer-ih-KAY-na
mar-jen-AY-tuh

Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent

Origin: Mexico

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Rock Garden

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Over 80 cm

Leaf Shape: Awl

Leaf Margins: Spiny

Leaf Textures: Fleshy/Juicy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Yellow, Variegated

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Green, Yellow

Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Summer

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Other Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Edible Parts:

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
