

Yucca gloriosa

(Spanish Dagger, Mound-Lily Yucca)

Just like *Y. aloifolia* this yucca is an erected evergreen shrub with sword-like leaves originating from a basal rosette. Leaf margins on Spanish Dagger (*Yucca gloriosa*) are smooth, whereas those on *Yucca aloifolia* (Spanish Bayonet) are rough. The outer half of the leaves on Spanish Dagger also bends toward the ground, whereas those on Spanish Bayonet do not. Also the leaf color for the mound-lily is more grayish-green whereas for the Spanish Bayonet it is always dark green. During summer time it produces its white-purplish fragrant spike of flowers. Mound-lily yucca does best in full sun with sandy, very well drained soil, either neutral or acidic. Very drought tolerant. Excellent for xeriscaping. Used as a specimen or as a foundational plant. As it does not have a needle-sharp leaf tip like the Spanish bayonet it can be used more commonly in garden designs.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Yucca glorieux, Yucca acuminé

Pronunciation: YUCK-kuh glor-ree-OH-suh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Florida

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 30 - 50

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Blue-Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: Over 20

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Can be trained to one trunk

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Black

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts:

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Layering

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