

Agave attenuata

(Foxtail Agave, Smooth Century Plant)

Foxtail agave forms a rosette with smooth bluish green leaves. The only Agave with a nice soft leaf edge . After twenty years the central rosette will bloom in early spring and produce a long spike which will arch and dip which explains to common name. After flowering the plant will die but meantime it will produce many offsets on the side. This plant can be grown in full sun along the coast or in dry inland valleys. This is a naturally drought resistant species, but with some watering will help to grow better and look nicer.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Arabic Name: أجاف اتنيواتا

Pronunciation: A-GA-ve at-ten-u-A-ta

Plant Type: Cactus / Succulent

Origin: Mexico

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

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 50 - 80

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: Over 20

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green, Yellow

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: Leaf

Plant Propagations: Offset

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