Beaked Yucca (tree form)

Yucca rostrata (tree form)



Beaked Yucca (tree form)
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Plant Height: 10 feet

Flower Height: 15 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Big Bend Yucca

Description:

A succulent cactus-like tree with beautiful blue-green spear-like leaves radiating from the center and tall spikes of nodding white flowers in autumn; once established, this variety is trunk forming; good for dry sites, use as a focal accent

Ornamental Features

Beaked Yucca (tree form) features bold spikes of creamy white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late summer to early fall. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The sword-like leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Beaked Yucca (tree form) is an evergreen tree, selected and trained to grow in a small tree-like form with the primary plant grafted high atop a standard. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Beaked Yucca (tree form) is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Beaked Yucca (tree form) will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity extending to 15 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

Beaked Yucca (tree form) is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.