Rasta Man Twin-flowered Agave

Agave geminiflora 'Rasta Man'



Rasta Man Twin-flowered Agave
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Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 8 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Century Plant

Description:

This outstanding cultivar has very narrow, needle tipped, dark green leaves adorned with showy white filaments, and set in a dense rosette; towering spikes with yellow flowers when rosettes mature; a great visual accent for rockeries or dry gardens

Ornamental Features

Rasta Man Twin-flowered Agave features bold spikes of light green pincushion flowers with chartreuse overtones rising above the foliage from late summer to early fall. Its attractive succulent narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Rasta Man Twin-flowered Agave is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Rasta Man Twin-flowered Agave is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Rasta Man Twin-flowered Agave will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 8 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant 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 a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Rasta Man Twin-flowered Agave is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.