



Nodding Yucca

Yucca cernua

Plant Height: 5 feet

Flower Height: 8 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Weeping Yucca

Description:

This variety features upright to arching, wide blue-green leaves on a low trunk; tall spikes, topped by large, showy clusters of creamy white flowers in spring; eventually forms colonies; great for dry sites, borders, rock gardens and containers

Ornamental Features

Nodding Yucca features bold spikes of white bell-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of powder blue. The spiny sword-like leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Nodding Yucca is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Nodding Yucca is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Nodding Yucca
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Nodding Yucca foliage
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Nodding Yucca will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity extending to 8 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.

Nodding Yucca makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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 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.