

Botanical Name: Manfreda maculosa

Common Name: Texas tuberose, Spice lily

Type of Plant: monocot; succulent Family Agavaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Forms a rosette of fleshy, dark green, spineless leaves  
marked with purple spots; plant forms offsets and may become a dense clump;  
foliage may die back in winter, but re-sprouts quickly in spring

Height to 18 in. Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to shade

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy: zones 4-24

Morphology:

Leaves deep to grayish green, to 12" wide and 18" long covered  
with purple spots; foliage resembles agave, but without spines

Flowers 2" long creamy white to lavender flowers in a single spike  
up to 4 ft. long; long stamens make flowers look wispy and spidery;

Fruit brown capsules with black seed inside

Propagation: seed, offsets

Usage: interesting plant for containers or in the ground; can be  
used in desert landscapes or in tropical areas where foliage is appreciated along  
with flowers; flowers attract hummingbirds

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought but can be given regular watering; avoid  
heavy watering in poorly drained soils

Fertilizing slow-release fertilizer when planted

Pruning remove offsets where they are not wanted

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Southern Texas to Mexico