

Botanical Name: Yucca recurvifolia (Yucca pendula)

Common Name: NCN (sometimes listed as soft-tip Yucca)

Type of Plant: monocot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fairly short species of Yucca, with one to few short
'trunks' arising from the ground that may branch with age - eventually forms a
clump with arching and recurved leaves; offsets increase size of clump with age

Height 3' - 6' Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates some shade at inland locales

Soil best in well-drained habitats - avoid wet clay soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-10, 12-24): thrives in warm coastal areas

Morphology:

Leaves sword-like, 2'-3' long, blue-green, arising from the short
trunks; tend to bend and therefore 'recurved'; tips are sharp-pointed

Flowers white, in showy 2'-4' long panicles above the top of the
foliage clump; April - June

Fruit a leathery capsule

Propagation: seed, or division of the basal offsets

Usage: a dramatic accent shrub for its distinctive clumping form
and blue-green foliage; use for silhouette effect in subtropical, Mediterranean
or desert-theme gardens; excellent container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak in summer months - can survive on
seasonal rainfall

Fertilizing none required unless frequently irrigated

Pruning remove dead flower stalks after blooming

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions control height by removing tallest trunks near the base

Origin: Southeast United States Family: Agavaceae (formerly Liliaceae)