

Botanical Name: Aloe vera (A. barbadensis)

Common Name: Medicinal aloe

Type of Plant: monocot: succulent Family Liliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, medium sized aloe forming unusually upright rosettes
of gray-green foliage - sometimes carries a hint of golden color

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 5 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred; tolerates partial shade

Soil prefers good drainage

Hardiness Hardy zones 8,9, 12-24

Morphology:

Leaves Stiff, upright fleshy leaves to 2 ft. long, 6" wide at base
margins are coarsely toothed; leaves are widely used to treat burns and skin ailments

Flowers dense spikes of yellow tubular flowers held above foliage; blooms
in early spring

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, leaf cuttings, division

Usage: used as a filler or small accent plant in succulent gardens, informal
borders or drought tolerant landscapes; sometimes used as a container plant or
in medicinal gardens or even as a houseplant

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established; likes occasional deep
watering

Fertilizing little required

Pruning remove spent flower stalks, divide old clumps if they become too large

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs, root rot in poorly drained areas, viral fasciation

Other fasciation causes widened, deformed flower stalks

Origin: Barbados Islands in Carribean Sea