

Botanical Name: Hesperaloe parviflora

Common Name: Red yucca

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a distinctive yucca-like clump, with long narrow sword-like leaves arching and recurving to give a somewhat fountain effect

Height 2' - 4' Spread equal Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun needed; avoid shaded locations

Soil thrives in dry or well-draining soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 10-16, 18-23): prefers warm sunny inland sites

Morphology:

Leaves narrow, sword-like, boat-shaped in cross-section; dark grey-green, 2'-4' long; distinctive threads along leaf margins; apex not stiff

Flowers deep pink to red or coral, slender, on tall 3'-4' spikes arising from the clump; April - June (longer in coastal areas)

Fruit a small capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: a dramatic accent plant for its long flower display and clumping form; excellent in desert-theme or subtropical gardens; patio container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering very little required; thrives with an occasional deep soak

Fertilizing little needed

Pruning none, except to remove old flower stalks

Pests/Diseases relatively free; soft-rot in heavily watered sites

Special Conditions flower stalks can become 6'-8' on older plants

Origin: Texas and N.E. Mexico Family: Agavaceae