

Botanical Name: Agave attenuata

Common Name: Blue agave

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, large coarse succulent plant consisting of blue-gray rosettes leaves spineless, soft and fleshy

Height 5-6' Spread 6-8' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates partial with reflected light

Soil tolerates any well draining soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 20-24)

Morphology:

Leaves leaves 2-1/2' long, soft gray green, fleshy, translucent, no spines, forms rosette -- older plants develop stout trunk

Flowers spike, up to 10' long above clump -- greenish yellow flowers -- spring bloom, variable

Fruit small drupes

Propagation: seed, offsets (division of clump)

Usage: accent plant for tropical, desert landscapes, for striking foliage and flower silhouette

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates both regular watering and drought

Fertilizing balanced in spring as required

Pruning control size as needed--hide cuts with other leaves

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: Northern Mexico Family: Liliaceae