

Botanical Name: Agave angustifolia 'Marginata'

Common Name: Century plant

Type of Plant: monocot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a distinctive rounded clump, formed by stiff, sword-like  
leaves arising and spreading from a fleshy, stubby stem-base; the plant  
develops offsets at the base

Height 3' - 4' (5') Spread equal Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred in coastal areas; tolerates partial  
shade at inland sites

Soil prefers dry, well-drained locations

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24): thrives in warm low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves sword-like, stiff, fleshy; 3'-4' long, 3"-4" wide; dull  
green with distinctive pale yellowish-white stripes along margins; spine-  
tipped (spine 1"-2" long, black); margins toothed

Flowers greenish-yellow, on large panicle (to 9' long); summer  
months; flowers once and then dies back to base

Fruit a leathery capsule 1" long

Propagation: seed, or division of offsets

Usage: a dramatic accent plant for desert, sub-tropical or  
tropical-theme gardens; valued for its distinctive overall shape and  
variegated-striped leaves

Landscape Care:

Watering needs very little after established - very drought  
tolerant

Fertilizing none required

Pruning none; after flowering, remove the dead portion of the plant

Pests/Diseases soft-rot (if grown in poorly-drained soils)

Special Conditions

Origin: Central America Family: Agavaceae