

Arkansas Yucca



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Yucca arkansana

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Description:

This small, usually stemless variety bears blue-green to yellow-green, sword-like leaves with creamy white margins; short spikes of nodding greenish-white flowers in spring; great for dry borders, patios and containers, in sun or shade

Ornamental Features

Arkansas Yucca features bold panicles of creamy white bell-shaped flowers with light green overtones rising above the foliage from mid spring to early summer. It has attractive bluish-green foliage edged in white with hints of chartreuse. The small spiny sword-like leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. It produces dark brown capsules with black overtones from mid summer to mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Arkansas Yucca is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Arkansas Yucca is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Arkansas Yucca will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

Arkansas Yucca makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.