



Narrowleaf Yucca
Yucca angustissima

Plant Height: 5 feet

Flower Height: 12 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Narrow Leaf Yucca, Narrow-leaved Yucca

Description:

This variety bears fine, arching gray-green to blue-green leaves with white margins and filaments, on a low trunk; tall spikes of nodding bell flowers in summer; good for dry sites and coastal areas; great for borders, rock gardens and containers

Ornamental Features

Narrowleaf Yucca features bold spikes of creamy white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of grayish green. The succulent narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Narrowleaf Yucca is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Narrowleaf Yucca is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Narrowleaf Yucca
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Narrowleaf Yucca foliage
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- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Narrowleaf Yucca will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity extending to 12 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

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 xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

Narrowleaf 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.