



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Hohokam Agave *Agave murpheyi*

DESCRIPTION: A century plant of unknown origin, all populations are associated with ancient Indian sites in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. It was cultivated for food and fiber by the Hohokam Indians. This agave consists of freely suckering rosettes to 3 feet across. It has narrow, straight, toothy light-green leaves. Flowering occurs at around 10 years old. The original rosette will die after flowering, but the pups will live on. It also will produce pups, called bulbils, on the flowering stalk.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent, specimen, or enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



-Hardiness: Hardy to 20 degrees.



-Sun tolerance: Full sun.



-Watering & fertilizing: Water during throughout the year about once every ten days. Feed once per month during the spring and fall with half strength fertilizer.



-Soil requirements: Does well in any soil that has good drainage.



- Pruning: None necessary.