



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Desert Spoon or Sotol

Dasyliirion wheeleri

DESCRIPTION: Sotol is a structurally interesting desert adapted plant. The fiercely-toothed, evergreen leaves blue-green in color. It grows at a slow to moderate rate, forming a trunk up to 6' tall. Plants are either male or female, sending up a 6' to 8' tall stalk of white flowers which attract a variety of insect pollinators. This species can be found growing from grasslands up into the Madrean pine/oak forests of the mountains of our region.

RECOMMENDED USE: Sotol can be used as an accent or specimen for its form, or in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Fully hardy in Tucson; at least down to 5°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate water use, depending on soil and growth rate desired.



Soil requirements: Most soils, although will grow better in deeper soils.



Pruning: None required if properly placed. Note: Allow for the ultimate 6'+ diameter of the plant to avoid the need to prune.