

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Cowhorn Agave

Agave bovicornuta

DESCRIPTION: Native to northern Mexico, this century plant forms striking light green rosettes three to five feet wide. This is a non-suckering species with leaves bordered with sharp red or black spines. As with most agaves, the Cowhorn Agave only blooms once, producing a mass of yellow-green flowers on a stalk over 10 feet tall, then dies.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent plant in a protected area. Makes an attractive potted succulent, especially when small; larger size makes the plant difficult to handle.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: To 25°F.

Sun tolerance: Light shade preferred but will tolerate full sun in Tucson.



Watering and feeding: In the desert it grows mainly in the mild weather of spring and fall, when it should be watered about once every week or two. In summer water only enough to keep leaves from shrivelling. Fertilize once each in spring and fall.



Soil requirements: Well-drained.



Pruning: None needed.