

Botanical Name: *Agave macroacantha*

Common Name: Black-Toothed Agave



Family: Agavaceae

Native Distribution: Oaxaca and Puebla, Mexico

Plant Size: 2' tall and wide in 4' wide clumps

Flowers: 6' unbranched flower stalk with green flowers and bulbils mid-March to April

Foliage: Narrow 10-12" long powder blue leaves tipped with a black spine and black teeth curved back toward the base along the margins

Site Preferences: Full to partial sun

Landscape Uses: Use in pots on patios and in smaller urban gardens.

Other Stuff:

- Small symmetrical agave clumping with stunning, showy features.
- One of the few plants in Mexico used to make mescal (tequila is a type of mescal, but not all mescals are tequila).
- Prefers elevations to 2,100 ft.
- Grows well in sand and sandy loam with good drainage and aeration.
- Can be cold- and frost-sensitive; hardy to 25° F.
- After flowering, pups fall to the ground, forming a new colony.
- Grows well in full sun in milder climates; prefers afternoon shade in low deserts.
- Little to no maintenance required.