

**Botanical Name:** *Agave murpheyi*

**Common Name:** Murphy's Agave, Hohokam Agave



**Family:** Agavaceae

**Native Distribution:** Near New River and other areas around Greater Phoenix, Arizona and N Sonora, Mexico

**Plant Size:** 2-4' tall and wide

**Flowers:** 10-15' panicle with umbels of waxy greenish-yellow to yellow flowers tipped with brown or purple and an abundance of bulbils on the stem, mid-February to April

**Foliage:** 20-32" long, 2" wide leaves ranging in color from light glaucous green to yellowish-green, often with light blue and purplish cross-banding, grey to brown spines, and undulate leaf margins with small teeth

**Site Preferences:** Full sun after plants are 1' tall

**Landscape Uses:** Use as accents, in mixed succulent or wildflower gardens, in masses, or containers.

**Other Stuff:**

- Tolerates poor soil and drought, but requires excellent drainage.
- Cultivated by the ancient Hohokam people in the Phoenix area.
- Prefers 1,500-3,000 ft.
- Grows well in sand, sandy loam, clay and other heavy soils with very good drainage.
- Minimal to no maintenance.