

Botanical Name: *Aloe ferox*

Common Name: Tree Aloe, Cape Aloe, Bitter Aloe



Family: Aloaceae

Native Distribution: S Africa, Cape Verde Islands, Madagascar, the Arabian Peninsula

Plant Size: Up to 12' tall on an upright woody stem, 5-6' wide

Flowers: Orange to bright red tubular 1" long flowers on a branched inflorescence with 3-8 racemes of 8-16" each, blooms January to March

Foliage: Thick, wide, medium-green leaves with prominent reddish-brown teeth along the margins

Site Preferences: Full sun to partial shade

Landscape Uses: In Phoenix, use against a building or as a focal point for a bold statement.

Other Stuff:

- Slow to moderate grower.
- Solitary plant, more tree-like than plant-like.
- Does not tolerate reflected heat.
- Dried leaves on the bottom of the trunk protect against sunburn and should not be removed.
- Prefers well-drained soil with monthly irrigations.
- Elevation up to 4,800'; hardy to 25° F.
- Attracts many birds, including hummingbirds, as well as insects.
- Fruit is a triangular capsule containing numerous seeds.