

**Botanical Name:** *Hechtia montana*

**Common Name:** False Agave



**Family:** Bromeliaceae

**Native Distribution:** Well drained slopes and rocky outcrops from SW Texas to N Mexico

**Plant Size:** Rosette-forming leaf succulent clumping to 2' tall and 2' wide

**Flowers:** Inconspicuous flowers on long spikes

**Foliage:** Light green leaves with nasty spines along the margins, curving inward

**Site Preferences:** Partial shade in Phoenix

**Landscape Uses:** Use in rock gardens, with other cacti and succulents, and in containers.

**Other Stuff:**

- Rosette-forming, similar to a bromeliad.
- Prefer slightly moist roots, not soggy.
- Absorb most of their nutrients through roots rather than the leaves like their rain forest siblings.
- Considered a food source in its native habitat.
- Has numerous prominently spined leaves that are shiny olive green on the upper side and can assume a brick red tint.