

# Agave

There are hundreds of members belonging to the Genus Agave, many indigenous to Mexico, with a smattering native to the American Southwest, Venezuela and Central America. Agaves are great as accents paired with succulent groundcovers, as structural elements in the mixed border, and as powerful focal points in pots. Many of the most imposing and desirable are ferociously armed with serrated teeth and sword-like spikes so place those varieties carefully. Soft bodied (unarmed) and variegated types can be placed in the landscape with less caution but tend to do best with some shade inland during the hottest part of the day. Most Agaves are offsetting and will sometimes slowly, sometimes quickly, create colonies. Flowering only after many decades, mature Agaves produce huge, startling flower spikes that look like something out of a Dr. Seuss book. Agaves are easy to grow, especially in Mediterranean and Southwest climates, drought tolerant and so architecturally and geometrically desirable that their very few anti-social qualities are easily overlooked.



Agave 'Kissho Kan'

**Requirements:** Zones vary by species but all prefer well drained soil. Full sun to part shade. Require little water once established but best appearance is with supplemental irrigation during periods of drought. Protect some varieties from frost.

## Agave currently grown at El Natio Growers, Inc.:

Agave americana	4-8'H x 6-12'W, Sun, Grey Foliage
Agave americana var. marginata	4-6'H x 6-8'W, Sun, Variegated Grey/Green Foliage Yellow Margins
Agave americana var. medio picta 'Alba'	3-4' H x 4-6'W, Sun, Variegated Blue/Green Foliage Wide Cream Stripe
Agave americana 'Silver Surfer'	5'H x 9'W, Sun, Silver Blue Foliage
Agave attenuata	2-5'H x 3-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Green Foliage, Spineless
Agave attenuata 'Kara's Stripes' PP 19,444	2-3'H x 2-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Gold/Green Foliage, Spineless
Agave attenuata 'Nova' (syn.'Boutin Blue')	3-4'H x 3-4'W', Sun/Part Sun, Blue Foliage, Spineless
Agave 'Blue Flame'	2-3'Hx 2-3'W, Sun, Blue/Green Foliage
Agave 'Blue Glow'	1-2'H x 2-3'W, Sun, Blue/Green Foliage w/Red Margins
Agave bovicornuta	2-3'H x 3-5'W, Sun, Medium Green Foliage, Non-Suckering
Agave bracteosa	2-4'H x 2-3'W, Sun, Pale Green Foliage, Spineless
Agave celsii 'Multicolor'	2-3'H x 2-4'W, Sun/Part Sun, Variegated Green & Cream Foliage
Agave 'Cornelius'	1-2'H x 2-3'H, Sun, Variegated Yellow/Green Foliage
Agave deserti	1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun, Grey Foliage
Agave desmetiana 'Variegata'	3-4'H x 3-4'W, Sun, Variegated Green w/Yellow Foliage, Nearly Spineless
Agave geminiflora	2-3'H x 1-3'W, Sun/Part Sun, Narrow Dark Green Foliage, Spineless
Agave gentryi 'Jaws'	4'H x 8'W, Sun, Medium to Dark Green Foliage, Red Teeth
Agave guiengola	3-4'H x 4-6'W, Sun/Part Sun, Grey/Green Glaucous Foliage
Agave 'Kissho Kan'	12-15"H x 12-18"W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue/Grey Foliage, White Margins
Agave montara 'Baccarat'	3-5'W x 4-6'H, Sun/Part Sun, Grey/Green Foliage, Black Spines
Agave 'Mr. Ripple'	4-5'H x 6-8'W, Sun, Grey Foliage, Undulating Leaves
Agave parryi	1-2'H x 1-2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue/Grey Foliage w/Black Teeth
Agave parryi ssp. truncata	2'H x 2'W, Sun/Part Sun, Grey/Blue Foliage w/Reddish Brown Teeth
Agave 'Sharkskin'	2-3'W x 3-4'H, Sun, Grey/Green Foliage w/Black Teeth
Agave shawii	2-3'H x 3-4'W, Sun, Dark Grey Green Foliage
Agave victoriae reginae	6-18"H x 6-18"W, Sun/Part Sun, Green w/White Margins & Black Tips
Agave vilmoriniana	3-4'H x 4-5'W, Sun, Green Foliage, Spineless
Agave weberi	4-5'H x 6-10'W, Sun, Grey Blue Foliage
Agave weberi 'Arizona Star'	4'H x 7'W, Sun/Part Sun, Blue Green w/Yellow Margins, Nearly Spineless

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Agave victoriae-reginae



Agave americana var. medio picta  
'Alba'



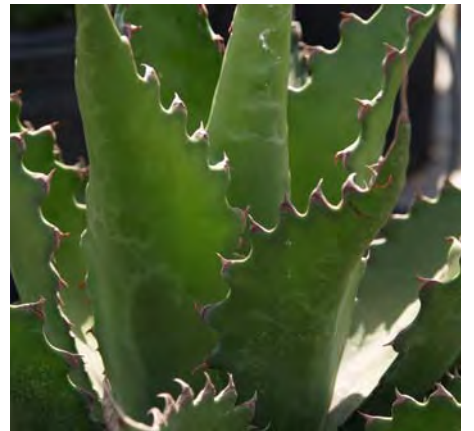
Agave 'Cornelius'



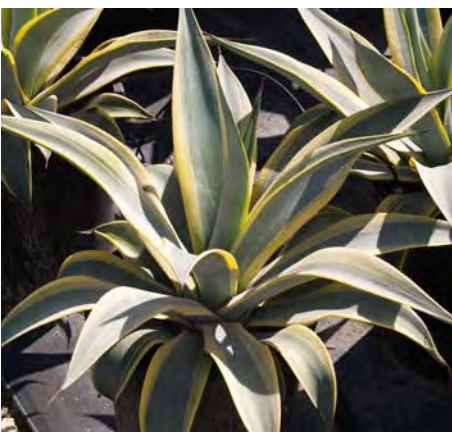
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