

Botanical name:
Genus: Yucca
Species: gigantea

Common Name(s):
Spineless yucca, Elephant yucca
Latin Family Name:
Asparagaceae
English Family Name: Asparagus

(Also known as Y. guatemalensis and Y. elephantipes)

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to Mexico to Guatemala

Growth habit: Evergreen tree-like plant that grows upto 30 feet tall with a trunk that thickens and roughens with age

Flower description: White or cream with a soap-like fragrance flowers appear on stalks above the foliage in spring or summer
Container plants grow much smaller, however, and often will not produce any flowers

Blooming period/availability: Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Stiff, erect, sword-like evergreen spiral rosettes

Plants feature narrow, sword-shaped, blue-green leaves

Usage : Yucca plant typically grown as a houseplant either a bush form or with multiple canes as a tree

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Plant can be grown as a container as a specimen plant
Used along walkways or as large accents in the landscape
Relatively free of pests and insects

WEAKNESS:

Slow growing plants



There are more than 40 species in the Yucca genus, but only a couple are regularly grown indoors

Care & Handling

Longevity: 15 years plus

Water requirements: Water regularly, but allow the soil to dry out between waterings
Tolerant of drought

Light: Full sun to part shade

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Sandy, well drained

Special care/remarks: All parts of the plant are known to be toxic to both dogs and cats



There is a similar-looking Dracaena genus