



Agave desmettiana Smooth Agave

This fast-growing accent plant resembles Octopus agave, but is smaller in stature, to about 3 feet tall and wide. Its soft, fleshy leaves are light green, with generally smooth edges and a stout terminal spine. While it can tolerate full sun and reflected heat, in the low deserts it looks more attractive in filtered shade. In coastal regions, it handles full sun easily. *Agave desmettiana* needs well-drained soil, and can be planted in the ground or in containers. Like most agaves, it blooms only once, and then dies. However, blooming doesn't occur for about 10 years, and the plant produces an abundance of small "pups", to keep the population going. This species is cold hardy to 25° F. *Agave desmettiana* 'Variegata' has a narrow band of yellow along the leaf margins.



AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	3 feet x 3 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Flowers at end of life cycle
EXPOSURE	Full sun to part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	25° F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	None



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