

Agave deserti

Desert Century Plant

SUCCULENT - evergreen.
4 - 6' diameter rosette.
Subterranean trunk.
Thick, succulent, blue-green leaves
with prickles and spines.
Flowers yellow, in open branching
stalks up to 15' tall
- May to July.

Native habitat: rocky slopes below
5000'; washes in desert scrub -
Sonoran Desert, including
Anza-Borrego, to Baja California
and Arizona.

Full sun. Hardy to 15 degrees.
Well-drained soil; tolerates alkaline
soil.
Can tolerate coastal conditions, but
best in hot interior and desert.
Drought tolerant.

Plant dies after fruits mature.



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