

AGAVE PARRYI VAR. TRUNCATA

Artichoke Agave



Low water



Full sun to part shade



Attracts hummingbirds



Rabbit resistant



Deer resistant



Native to Mexico

Why we love it...

The aptly named artichoke agave is easily one of the most distinctive and attractive agaves you can add to your collection. Because it's found only in the Mexican state of Durango, we encounter this compact variety more often in cultivation than in its natural habitat. It forms a tight rosette of rigid grey-green leaves that are short and wide, each with a contrasting reddish-brown margin that gives way to numerous teeth and a stout black terminal spine.

Agaves bloom once just before they die, and this one is no exception to the rule. At maturity, after about 15-20 years of growth, artichoke agave sprouts a 10-20 foot branching stalk with clusters of reddish buds that open into lemon-yellow flowers that the hummingbirds adore. The main plant can be replaced by one of its many pups once its blooms have faded.



Lydia says: Artichoke agave looks great in containers, and can be planted amongst thirstier perennials if you ensure that it has excellent drainage.

This plant is included in our Civano Select™ collection. Civano Select™ plants are handpicked by our horticulturalist for quality, form and health!

Succulent:

Agave parryi var. truncata

Size (H x W): 2-3 feet x 2-3 feet

Blooms: Yellow in early spring to late summer, bloom appears only once at about 20 years of age

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 15° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low

Pruning: n/a, remove dead leaves or pups any time

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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