



YUCCA BACCATA


Banana Yucca

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Rabbit resistant

 Deer resistant

 Native to Southwestern U.S.

Why we love it...

This native was once an important part of the lives of Native Americans living in the Southwest. It was used as not only a food source, but also for cleaning, bathing, to make ropes, baskets, paintbrushes, and more! These days, it makes a lovely addition to the low-water landscape.

The banana yucca has long, narrow green leaves with sharply pointed tips and white hair-like filaments along the margins. The strappy leaves create a neat-looking rosette from which a flower stalk emerges with creamy white bell-shaped blossoms during the spring. Flowers are followed by banana shaped fruits that are edible and reportedly taste similar to the potato. It is a wonderful accent plant; extremely cold hardy and pairs well with other low-water natives like brittlebush and fairy duster.



Lydia says: Yucca is often confused with agave, but yucca plants can bloom every year, while agave plants bloom only once at the end of their lifespan.

Succulent:
Yucca baccata

Size (H x W): 4-8 feet x 8-10 feet

Blooms: White to cream white in spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: -20° F, USDA Zone 5

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: September

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate



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