

DASYLIRION WHEELERI

Desert Spoon



Low water



Full sun to part shade



Rabbit resistant



Deer resistant



Native to south central to western U.S., Mexico

Why we love it...

This handsome succulent should be a familiar sight to Tucsonans since it grows naturally in our region. Desert spoon is a spectacular globe-shaped accent or specimen plant for arid gardens; needing very little water and even less maintenance to remain an attractive and healthy feature of the landscape.

It grows very slowly, and instead of shedding its long, strappy leaves when they die, it keeps them attached to form a dense, shaggy skirt around the base of the slow-forming trunk. Every few years, mature plants send up an impressive 10-15 foot flower stalk that towers over the silvery to blue-green foliage. Desert spoon's leaf margins are edged with sharp, curved barbs from base to tip, so this dramatic accent is best placed away from foot traffic where it can be seen but not touched.



Lydia says: Desert spoon can survive on natural rainfall in Tucson once it's established, but more regular watering will increase the growth rate if drainage is adequate.

This shrub is part of our American Beauties Native Plants® collection. Purchasing American Beauties Native Plants® helps to support the National Wildlife Federation® and their mission to protect wildlife!

Evergreen Succulent: *Dasyliirion wheeleri*

Size (H x W): 3-6 feet x 3-6 feet

Blooms: Greenish-white to tan in summer

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 0° F, USDA Zone 6

Water: Low

Pruning: Remove spent flower stalks any time of year

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate



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