

SPANISH BAYONET

Yucca aloifolia

- These native plants prefer to grow on well-drained, sunny to partly sunny sites.
- It is an evergreen shrub family that grows mainly in the coastal plain of the southern United States and Mexico along dunes, roadsides, and open coastal forests. Some sources also list it as native to islands in the Caribbean.
- A multi-trunked shrub or small tree growing 3-15 feet, with leaves 4" in diameter at the base and 12-14" long.
- The elongated evergreen leaves have sharp-spiny tips that overlap around the trunk. Dead leaves persist, eventually drooping against the stem. Leaf edges are very finely serrated.
- Spikes of bright white blossoms appear in the center of the plant above the foliage in springtime to late summer depending on the year. It was often called the Fourth of July plant, as that is about the time they flower.
- Following the flower stalk, it will develop oval-shaped fruit.

