

Palm Lily, Roman Candle, Spanish Dagger

Yucca gloriosa is also called Palm Lily, Roman Candle or Spanish Dagger. It is a lignified perennial with shrub characteristics. It is also a succulent and cacti type, similar to other Yuccas. Its climatic zones range from Mediterranean to subtropical. This Yucca is native to the southeastern USA, and has a normal to slow growth rate. The leaves are often ground-based and whorled, but the plant will develop stems too. It reaches a height of between 2 and 3 metres. The evergreen foliage is lanceolate and pale green in colour. The flowers appear in spring, borne on 60- to 90-cm panicles, and are white, pale yellow or pale purple. Cylindrical capsule fruits then develop, initially green and turning black as they ripen. The Yucca is propagated by sowing and pricking, and by cuttings. The root system is fleshy and extensive. The Yucca has no special requirements when it comes to site conditions. It can withstand high salinity, but not stagnant water. This is the hardiest Yucca, surviving frost down to -25°C. In landscape design, it can be used as a dominant plant in groups or as massed planting, and will also look attractive in rock and steppe gardens. Yucca gloriosa is suitable for planting in urban areas, public open spaces, as park planting, in pedestrian precincts, in containers and in private gardens. In Arriyadh, Yuccas can be found growing in a wide range of locations, for example in King Fahd Road. They are very suitable for harsh urban conditions.



GENERAL	
Origin	: Mediterranean, sub-tropical
Vigour	: normal growth rate
Humidity	: very arid, semi-arid, semi-humid
Propagation	: sowing and pricking out, cuttings
Maintenance	: low
CONDITIONS	
Urban climate	: resistant
Dessication	: resistant
Stagnant water	: vulnerable
Irrigation	: low
Salinity/ppm	: high (4500 ppm)
Hardiness	: -25°C
SHAPE	
Type	: cacti, succulents
Height	: 2 m-3 m
Spread	: 2 m-4 m
Foliage	: evergreen
FLOWER	
Colour	: white, pale yellow, pale purple
Size	: 60 cm
Period	: April - June
Smell	: scented, moderate, flower
FRUIT	
Type of fruit	: capsule
Fruit size	: 5 cm
Toxicity	: inedible, fruit