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## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Mexican Grass Tree

*Dasyllirion (longissimum) quadrangulatum*

**DESCRIPTION:** This beautiful plant is related to our native Desert Spoon. As they mature, they slowly form a trunk to 10 feet tall, and are crowned with a 6' to 8' rosette of narrow green leaves. The flexible, unarmed leaves ¼ wide by 3-4' long, occur in whorls around the trunk. Older, established plants produce 10 to 12 foot tall flowers stalks annually. Mexican Grass Tree is native to Mexico.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Great as an accent or specimen, for its form in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape. Can also be used in a large patio container. Mexican Grass Tree is a spectacular accent plant that blends well in either tropical or arid gardens.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** hardy to 15° F.



**Sun tolerance:** It is adapted to exposures ranging from full sun to shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Low water use, but needs regular irrigation. Feed twice yearly.



**Soil requirements:** Needs good drainage.



**Pruning:** Old leaves can be pruned off to accentuate the trunk. Plant away from paths to eliminate the need to prune green leaves.