

## ***Dasyilirion texanum***

**Apache: Ekibaane, Guarijío: Sawo, Tarahumara: Siriki, Texas Sotol, Green Sotol, Desert Spoon**

H: 5'

W: 5'

Light: Full Sun

Water: Low

Temperature: -20F

Foliage: Green, evergreen

Flower: White to Yellow

Native Range: Chihuahuan Desert, Texas & Coahuila

**Description:** This native of the Chihuahuan Desert looks a lot like a yucca, but is actually more closely related to agave. Much like it's agave cousins, *Dasyilirion* can be distilled into a tasty alcoholic spirit known as sotol. *Dasyilirion texanum* is a highly ornamental species that's uncommon in the nursery trade. It's surprisingly hardy for such an exotic plant, but is susceptible to crown rot. Don't let fallen tree leaves collect in the crown over winter, and consider mulching with rock or gravel.

*D. texanum* features long, narrow serrated leaves that form a rosette up to 5' across. These plants don't bloom every year, but when they do, the eye-catching flower stalks grow up to 15' tall. These plants also form a short woody trunk, but this feature takes many years to develop.

### **More Information:**

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