

Yucca gloriosa

Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae
Clade : Angiosperms
Clade : Monocots
Order : Asparagales
Family : Asparagaceae
Subfamily : Agavoideae
Genus : *Yucca*
Species : *Y. gloriosa*



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Description:

Yucca gloriosa is caulescent, usually with several stems arising from the base, the base thickening in adult specimens. The long narrow leaves are straight and very stiff, growing to 30–50 cm (12–20 in) long and 2–3.5 cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ –1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in) wide. They are dark green with entire margins, smooth, rarely finely denticulate, acuminate, with a sharp brown terminal spine. The inflorescence is a panicle up to 2.5 m (8 ft) long, of bell-shaped white flowers, sometimes tinged purple or red. The fruit is a leathery, elongate berry up to 8 cm (3 in) long.

Medicinal uses:

The root of the non-flowering plant is **used** to make medicine. **Yucca** is **used** for osteoarthritis, high blood pressure, migraine headaches, inflammation of the intestine (colitis), high cholesterol, stomach disorders, diabetes, and liver and gallbladder disorders.