

Agave shawii

Shaw's Agave

SUCCULENT - evergreen.
2 - 3' diameter rosette. Old plants have a short thick trunk. Leaves thick and fleshy; have curved red prickles on margins and a long, very sharp spiny tip. Flowers yellow-green, 2' bells on tall, wide spikes - 3 to 10' high, 2 to 3' wide - on old plants. September to May.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub
- coastal bluffs and dry slopes
- Baja California to Point Loma.

Full sun.
Can grow on sandy or heavy soil;
tolerates alkaline soil.
Drought tolerant.

Good accent plant for large xeriscape area.



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RARE — CNPS List: 2.1
(Seriously endangered in California, but more common elsewhere)

