PLANT FACT SHEET

Yucca flaccida Haw.

GENUS *Yucca* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Adam's needle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit, Stem

The flowers can be eaten raw or cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 5-10 m high. It spreads 5-10 m wide. It has dead leaves which persist hanging on the stem. The new leaves are dark bluish-green and flexible. They are narrowly sword shaped. They are 55 cm long and have sharp tips. There are yellow teeth along the edge. These end in straight threads. The flowers are creamy white. They are on cylinder shaped heads.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 6-9.

NOTES

There are about 40 Yucca species.
Also put in the family Agavaceae.

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