PLANT FACT SHEET

Agave palmeri Engelm.

GENUS *Agave* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Palmer's agave

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Bud, Plant heart, Sap - drink, Seeds

The central bud is roasted and eaten.
It is also used to distil an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.
The seeds can be used for flour.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent plant with a rosette of spiny leaves. The leaves are dark blue. They are 1 m long and 3-5 cm wide. The plant can be 1.5 m across. The flower stalk can be 3-5 m tall. It has 8 to 12 branches. The buds are reddish and the flowers are white.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It can tolerate temperatures to -12°C for short periods. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 250 Agave species. The Agavaceae are mostly in the tropics and subtropics.

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