PLANT FACT SHEET

Yucca faxoniana Sarg.

GENUS *Yucca* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Faxon yucca, Broad-leaved yucca

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Buds, Flowers, Fruit, Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows 3-5 m tall and spreads 2-3 m wide. It keeps growing from year to year. The old leaves remain hanging down on the plant. The trunk is stout and upright. It is 30 cm across. The leaves are in a ring. They are stiff and pointed. They are 0.9 m long and have sharply pointed tips. The edges can be red or black with curly threads. The flower stalk at the top is 0.9-1.2 m long. The flowers are creamy white and bell shaped. The fruit are reddish seed pods.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate to subtropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 8-10.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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