PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Agave lecheguilla* Torr.

**GENUS** *Agave* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Lecheguilla, Little lettuce, Shin-dagger

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Leaves, Fruit, Flowers

Young shoots are eaten. It would need to be cooked.
It is used for pulque an alcoholic drink.
The flowers are cooked with eggs and bacon.

## DESCRIPTION

A succulent plant that keeps growing for several years. It grows 60 cm high. The leaves are sword shaped and 60 cm long. They have a deep gutter. They are dark green or yellowish green. The leaves are in rings from the base. The edges of the leaves have weak spines which point downwards. It flowers at maturity. The flowers are tube shaped and yellow. They can be streaked with red. They are on a blue-grey un-branched spike. This grows 2.6-4 m tall.

## HABITAT

A subtropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. It suits arid regions. It needs full sun. In Brisbane Botanical Gardens. It can grow in arid places.

## NOTES

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

## PICTURES



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