PLANT FACT SHEET

Agave shawii Engelm.

GENUS *Agave* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Shaw's agave, Coastal agave

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Sap - flowers, Stem pith

The sap from the base of the the flowers is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent plant. It grows 2-4.5 m tall and spreads 100-150 cm wide. It normally occurs in clusters. They leaves are green. They are slightly rough. The edges can be wavy. There are teeth along the edge. They are red-brown. They are 6-18 mm long. The flowering stalk is 2-4.5 m long. The flowers are greenish.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It grows in coastal areas in Mexico. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

NOTES

There are about 250 Agave species. The Agavaceae are mostly in the tropics and subtropics. This one is an endangered species.

PICTURES



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