PLANT FACT SHEET

Yucca brevifolia Engelm.

GENUS *Yucca* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Joshua tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit, Root, Seeds, pod

The flower clusters are partly boiled in salt water to remove bitterness, drained and cooked then eaten.
The open flower buds are roasted and eaten.
The roots are eaten raw, boiled or roasted.
Seeds are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 9-12 m high and spreads 1.5 m wide. The stem branches. The bark is grey or orange-brown. It forms in plates. The leaves are straight and narrow. They have fine teeth along the edge. The flower spikes have greenish flowers. They have an unpleasant smell.

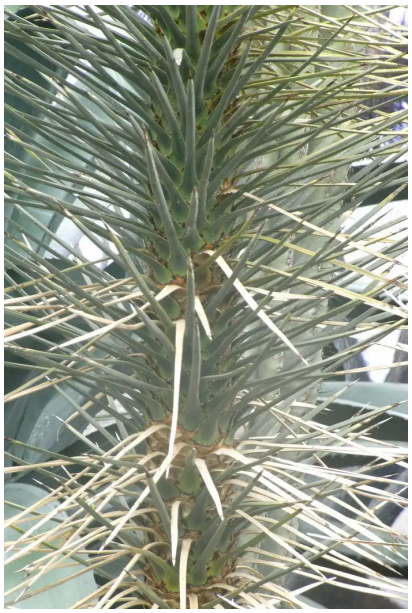
HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 7-10.

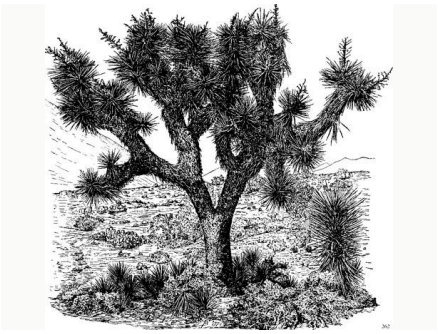
NOTES

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

PICTURES



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