PLANT FACT SHEET

Hesperoyucca whipplei (Torr.) Trel.

GENUS *Hesperoyucca* **FAMILY** Asparagaceae

COMMON NAMES Our Lord's candle

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Fruit, Seeds, Stem

The stems are eaten raw or roasted.
The flowers are boiled and eaten.
The seeds are ground into flour.

DESCRIPTION

A stemless yucca plant. It grows 0.9 m high and spreads 1.2 m wide. The leaves form a spiked narrow grey-blue ring. They have spiny tips and fine teeth along the edge. The flowers form clusters 3 m high. The flowers are small and white and hang down. They can have green or purple tips.

HABITAT

A less hardy plant. It suits hardiness zones 8-11. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

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

PICTURES



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