

Crazy about Cactus & Succulents October 2009

Yucca elephantipes – Spineless Yucca
(YUCK-uh ell-uh-fan-TYE-peeZ)

- FAMILY: Agavaceae
- ORIGIN: Mexico, Guatemala
- HABIT: Upright, can be small “tree”
- SIZE: 3’-5’
- HARDINESS: Very tolerant of warm and dry air as well as drafty locations
- CULTURE: Needs at least 3 hours of direct light a day, medium temperatures (64-71°F), lower temperatures will slow growth, can be placed outdoors in summer, prefers adequate water during growth period
- INTERIOR USE: Specimen plant
- FOLIAGE: Shiny, dark green, over 3’ long, form at the tip of branches, strap shaped, toothed margins, curving downward
- FLOWERS: None indoors
- PROPAGATION: Detach forming side shoots in spring and root in appropriate mix for cuttings
- PESTS/DISEASES: None serious
- CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *Y. elephantipes* ‘Variegata’- creamy white margins
Y. filamentosa, *Y. flaccida*, *Y. gloriosa*-hardy species

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