

Agave lophantha 'Splendida'



Hardy Century Plant

A Good plant to place under your daughters first floor windows. One plant will soon become 30 and the leaves are heavily armed. Gets 18 inches high. May take 5-10 years to produce a flower but when they do it is well worth the wait. The flower is on a stem that may be 10 feet tall.

Full sun. Likes sandy soils. Spreads like crazy from tubers and long suckers.

The dark green, heavily armed leaves are highlighted by a wide central yellow stripe that is even wider on the leaf back. *Agave lophantha* is a suckering century plant species with offsets held close to the parent rosette. When your *Agave 'Splendida'* is old enough, it will be topped with a 12' tall, 1" diameter flower spike holding manfreda-like, spidery, fragrant flowers...hummingbirds not included.

Since *Agave lophantha* is a desert plant, it has adapted to very hot weather, but can also tolerate temperatures as low as 11°F.

These plants are susceptible to root rot due to overwatering, so water carefully—too much moisture will kill them. Only water when the soil completely dries out. They require well-draining soil and prefer a sandy cactus soil mix.

Agaves grow well without fertilizer but can be fed a slow-release fertilizer to promote a full, rich look. *Agave lophantha* thrives in direct sunlight but will tolerate partial shade as well.