



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Night-blooming Hesperaloe *Hesperaloe nocturna*

**DESCRIPTION:** Night-blooming Hesperaloe is in the agave family, with century plants, yuccas, bear grass, and is closely related to the red yucca. It grows moderately fast in a clumping manner to as much as 5' across by 4' tall. This puts it at an intermediate size between the common red yucca and the huge *Hesperaloe funifera*. Flowers occur from April through October on long stalks. Each flower is whitish-green and about an inch long. Although they are open at night, attracting moths to pollinate them, they stay open during the day. Its native range is quite small; the low mountains east of Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use Night-blooming Hesperaloe as an accent, in a pollinator garden, a rock garden, enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, or in a patio container.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** It has been tested to be hardy to at least 22°F with no damage.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to moderate shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Low water use in the ground; once a week (1-2 times a week in a container). Fertilize once or twice a year.



**Soil requirements:** Any soil that drains will do.



**Pruning:** Only to remove flower stalks after bloom is finished.