Linares Blue Texas Sotol

Dasylirion texanum 'Linares Blue'

Plant Height: 4 feet

Flower Height: 15 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Green Sotol

Description:

This accent plant bears narrow sea green leaves with powder blue overtones, that radiate symmetrically from a woody base; beautiful tall spikes of cream flowers; good for hot, dry sites; great for borders, patios and containers



Linares Blue Texas Sotol foliage
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Ornamental Features

Linares Blue Texas Sotol features bold spikes of creamy white flowers with green overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of powder blue. The serrated narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Linares Blue Texas Sotol is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Linares Blue Texas Sotol is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Linares Blue Texas Sotol will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity extending to 15 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Linares Blue Texas Sotol makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.