



**Desert Dusk® Red Yucca**

*Hesperaloe parviflora* 'MSWNERMA'

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Redflower False Yucca

**Description:**

This stately succulent plant has arching, gray-green foliage with marginal filaments; compact, sturdy spikes covered with unique maroon flowers over a long season; a perfect accent plant for waterwise gardens or containers

**Ornamental Features**

Desert Dusk Red Yucca features showy spikes of burgundy bell-shaped flowers with gold eyes rising above the foliage from early to late spring. Its attractive succulent grassy leaves are grayish green in color. The foliage often turns burgundy in fall. It produces khaki (brownish-green) capsules in late fall. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

**Landscape Attributes**

Desert Dusk Red Yucca is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Desert Dusk Red Yucca is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Desert Dusk Red Yucca flowers*  
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*Desert Dusk Red Yucca foliage*  
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## **Planting & Growing**

Desert Dusk Red Yucca will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Desert Dusk Red Yucca is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.