

COMMON NAME:

SOTOL

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

DASYLIRION WHEELERI

ALSO CALLED: DESERT SPOON, CACTUS SPOON, AND SPOON PLANT

FLOWER COLOR: WHITE

LEAVES: LONG TWISTED NARROW LEAVES WITH THORNS ON THEIR EDGES EXTENDING TO 36" IN LENGTH

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: HUNDREDS ON A TALL SPIKE REACHING 10' OR MORE

NORMAL SIZE: 8'

FLOWERING TIME: MAY TO AUGUST

NORMAL ELEVATION: 3000' TO 5000'

HABITATION: ROCKY AREAS OF HILLSIDES AND MOUNTAIN PASSES

ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: EVERGREEN, LONG & NARROW TWISTED LEAVES WITH THORNS ALL ALONG THEIR EDGES FROM A LARGE BASE UP TO 6' WIDE. THEY HAVE A TALL FLOWER STALK WITH HUNDREDS OF FLOWERS

SPECIAL INTEREST: IT WAS THE FIRST ARIZONA PLANT TO BE KNOWN TO THE EAST COAST STATES. SINGLE LEAVES WERE SOLD FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY FOR NOVELTIES.