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Puya alpestris



Common name: Cardón negro, Pitcairnia alpestris

Height: 1m-1,2m

Growing: slow

Foliage: evergreen, the leaves are filled with inward pointing needle-sharp spines.

Flowers / Fruits: 1m high flower spike filled with dark blue-turquoise flowers

Site: sun

Soil: acid to alkaline, well drained soil.

Irrigation: few

Hardiness: semi-hardy -5 to -10 °C

Long description: Puya alpestris has a sensational rosette of serrated spiny leaves. It probably has the thinnest, most elegant leaves of all Chilean Puyas. It will form a spike filled with blue-turquoise flowers. Puya alpestris is supposed to be the most hardy one of all Chilean Puyas. Given a very well-drained, sheltered position, alpestris is almost fully hardy!

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