



Clifton
NURSERIES



BEUCARNEA RECURVATA

Originates in Mexico and is related to the Yucca plant. They can reach up to 10 metres tall with leaves up to 2 metres long. This plant has evolved to live in arid regions and can store its water supply for up to 12 months.

LIGHT

This plant thrives in strong light and will tolerate some direct sunlight. Although this plant will tolerate less than ideal light conditions, in the long term it will perform very poorly and ultimately die.

WATER

From April to September, allow the surface of the compost to completely dry between watering. When watering during these months, water well, ensuring that all the compost is thoroughly moist and allowing some water to come through the pot. The period of time between watering may be as long as 1 month, possibly longer. During the winter months the time between watering may extend up to 2 months.



TEMPERATURE

Temperature should not drop below 10°C (50°F).

FEED

Feed with a liquid fertiliser only from April to September.

REPOT

Beaucarneas may not need repotting every year. In a plastic pot, you can often tell when they need repotting as the pot will develop bulges at the sides. When you do repot, you should only go up one pot size at a time.

PRUNING

When the head of the plant has become too large it is possible to cut it back, although this will considerably slow down the growth of the plant. It is best to only cut back into the green fleshier parts of the plant because if you cut older, woody parts, they do not always produce new shoots.