

Aloe vera

(Syn. Aloe barbadensis)

MEDICINAL ALOE

These are robust Aloes with wide, thick fleshy leaves at the base tapering up to a narrow point with a vertical habit. Leaves have some small, serrated teeth along their edges, but not dangerous. In spring & summer they have a gray-green color, turning light bronze during winter. In spring, flower stalks rise well above the foliage. These stalks are dual or triple-branched covered in numerous yellow hanging tubular blooms that are attractive to pollinators like hummingbirds and bees. These are the true medicinal aloe from which healing salves and other cosmetic products are made. They are low maintenance and tolerate drought. Some water is beneficial during blooming and summer heat. Well-draining soils are a must for these plants, as with all other Aloes. Hybrids exist with narrower, green leaves, tend to sucker faster and produce unbranched bloom stalks, with orange flowers.



DESCRIPTION	
	2-3 FT. HIGH X 2-4 FT. WIDE
	FULL TO PART SUN
	9-11
	SOUTH AFRICA
	YELLOW
	LOW
	TO 20°F