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Aloe Doran Black by Sue Wilson

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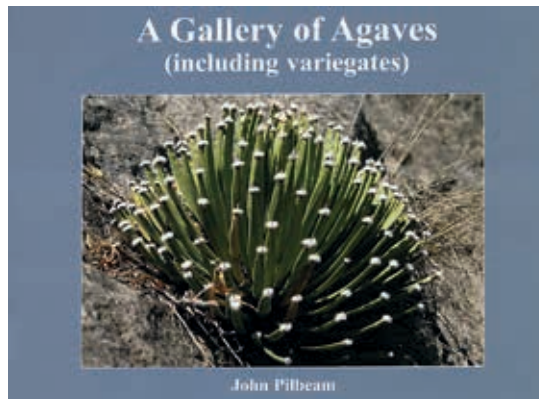
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Book review

Sean Gildenhuis
A Gallery of Agaves
by John Pilbeam



This new survey was published by the British Cactus and Succulent Society in August 2013. It is authored by John Pilbeam and deals the group of medium to very large sized monocotyledonous succulent plants generally referred to as "century plants" or simply as Agaves. Apart from the well-known (and locally invasive) species like *A. americana* and the commercially important crops of Tequila and Sisal fibre harvested from *A. tequilana* and *A. sisalana* respectively, there is a wealth of other species, many of which have great horticultural potential, as is clearly shown in this publication. It is a coffee-table book, with its landscape design and layout. The title, "A Gallery of Agaves", is apt as it is a photographic guide to many of the species in the genus. Each photograph is accompanied by interesting notes.

The front cover of the publication illustrates the remarkable recently-discovered species that was described as *A. albopilosa* in 2007.

The book contains:

- A section with the classification of the species in the genus. It has a key to the subgenera and groups to which the species belong.
- A short overview of the cultivation of Agave species.
- A map of USA and Mexico where the species occur.
- Notes on the distribution of the Agave species.
- A list of the species with the countries and states they are found in.
- Good pictures of the species, mostly of plants in habitat. The pictures are accompanied by informative notes.
- A list of Agave cultivars including variegates and oddities, followed by pictures of the cultivars.



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Photo: Sean Gildenhuis

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Back Cover: *Haworthia acuminata*, growing a few kilometres inland from the Gouritz River Mouth.
Photo: Sean Gildenhuis

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