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*Yucca*

*Asparagaceae*

[*Agavaceae*]

*Yucca* is named after cassava (*Manihot esculenta*) which belongs to a completely different family (*Euphorbiaceae*) and is sometimes called ‘yuca’ or ‘yucca’ as well. Apparently John Gerard (1545-1612) the English barber-surgeon and herbalist, is said to have been confused by that plant and to have thought that cassava was a member of this subsequently named *Yucca* genus.