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**Lakota name of plant:** “hupestola” (sharp-pointed stem)

**Common English name of plant:** Yucca

**Botanical Name:** Yucca glauca Nutt.

**Native Range:** Mixed grass prairie

**Season of Growth:** Cool season perennial evergreen

**Plant Family:** Agavacae, Agave

**Common Uses:**

- Drug (Gynecological Aid), Roots and prickly pear cactus roots used by mothers when they cannot give birth.
- Drug (Dermatological Aid), Infusion of roots used to soak the hair as a vermin killer and to make the hair grow.
- Drug (Gastrointestinal Aid), Infusion of pulverized roots taken for stomachaches.
- Drug (Veterinary Aid), Burning root fumes used to allow a horse to be caught and haltered easily.
- Food (Unspecified), Flowers and buds eaten fresh or cooked.
- Other (Soap), Roots used to make soap.

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