

# Kraalaalwyn:

## an oasis in the drought



The Kraalaalwyn (*A. claviflora*) flowers in spring throughout central arid South Africa. Photo by Sue Milton.

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It is no wonder that artworks of South African landscapes often feature a tall, candelabra-like aloe in the foreground of the canvas. These iconic African plants, which flower in profusion along the lower slopes of many of South Africa's escarpments during winter, are the 'must-have' succulents of indigenous water-wise gardens.