Queen Palm
Syagrus romanzoffiana

Queen Palm
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Height: 50 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◑

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: syn. Cocos plumosa, Cocos Palm

Description:

This variety is a popular feather-leaved variety with gracefully arching leaves; hardiest of the tropical looking palms; tolerates drought and salt spray, adapts to a wide variety of soils; an excellent accent tree

Planting & Growing

Queen Palm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tropical plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

Queen Palm fruit
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Queen Palm is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

Queen Palm flowers
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