



Perfect Palms



Palms are instantly recognizable by their characteristic leaf shapes and tall single trunks. The leaves are either fan-shaped or feathery. Due to their uniformity their ultimate shape is predictable – this makes them an invaluable plant to use when planning a garden. Palms have relatively fine roots and so pose no threat to drains etc. Palms are excellent plants for use as bold statement or focal point, however they also mix well with cordylines, bamboos and yuccas. Many palms prefer, and thrive, in cooler climates.

Butia capitata (Jelly Palm)

A popular and attractive hardy feather-leaved palm. Beautiful grey/green 2m long leaves, strongly recurved creating a lovely arched effect. Plant in full sun in well-drained soil. Essential for an exotic garden. Can grow to 8-10m high and 4-5m wide. Can go down to -10⁰C.

Chamaerops humilis. (Dwarf Fan Palm)

Dwarf, shrubby palm producing suckers, creating a bushy shape when mature. Fan-shaped leaves up to 60cm across. Plant in full sun or partial shade. Surprisingly hardy, snow and wind resistant – better in a windy position than *Trachycarpus*. Can grow to 3-6m high and 4-6m wide. Can go down to -13⁰C.

Chamaerops humilis var. cerifera. (Blue Mediterranean Fan Palm)

Dwarf, shrubby palm producing suckers creating a bushy shape when mature. Has dramatic pale blue, fan-shaped leaves up to 60cm across. Can go down to -13⁰C.

Phoenix canariensis. (Canary Island Date Palm)

Medium-sized palms with elegant arching feather-shaped fronds produced from the top of a single trunk. Grow in fertile, well drained soil in full sun. Can grow up to 15-20m high and 6-8m wide. Can go down to -8⁰C.

Phoenix roebelenii (Pygmy Date Palm)

A small-growing palm, matures to a perfect miniature palm tree – perfect for the smaller garden. Feather shaped leaves with sharp spines on the leaf stalks. Grows to 3m. Can go down to -5⁰C

Trachycarpus fortunei / Trachycarpus excelsa (Chusan Palm)

The most popular and recognizable of all the palms used in the UK. Huge, fan-shape leaves up to 1m across are borne on top of a characteristic hairy stem. Can be grown in heavy, rich clay soil. Dislikes wind and waterlogged soil. Effective specimen plant or as a focal point. Very frost hardy. Can go down to -15⁰C.