

This is a comprehensive guide to 22 of our best selling palms - we hope you find it a useful aid in choosing, planting and caring for your palms. By referring to our handy symbols, you can choose the palms that best suit your particular situation. Whether you are on a hill, by the sea or suffer from strong winds and heavy frosts, you can carefully choose the ideal palm for your garden.

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Please note: all heights quoted are after approximately 10 years growth.

King Palm Archontophoenix alexandrae

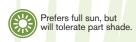
Common name: King Palm Species: Archontophoenix alexandrae Also known as: Alexandra Palm

Description: A tall and slender, classic looking palm with an attractive light coloured trunk, topped with a fresh green crownshaft and leaves. Very lush and tropical looking. The leaves have silver undersides. Height to about 6 metres in approximately 10 years. Especially attractive when planted in groups. A good sized palm for smaller gardens.

Situation: Grows well in part shade to full sun. Likes regular watering while getting established. Prefers a reasonably sheltered site and will tolerate light frosts. Mulch well and fertilise in spring/summer with a fertiliser such as 'Palmgrow'.

Usage: A fantastic landscape palm especially when planted in groups. Suitable for patio and tub containers with regular watering.







Tolerates light winds.



Will tolerate



Requires adequate moisture.



Grows to a height of 6 metres.

Bangalow Palm Archontophoenix cunninghamiana

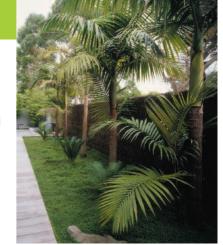
Common name: Bangalow Palm Species: Archontophoenix cunninghamiana Also known as: Piccabeen Palm

Description: An extremely popular palm, with a tall and slender, grey brown banded trunk and green spreading fronds. Mauve flowers followed by red fruit also give seasonal interest. Height to about 6 metres. Especially attractive when planted in groups. A good sized palm for smaller gardens.

Interesting Fact: The name 'bangalow' is aboriginal for

'water carrying basket'; the crown-shaft can be fashioned, with a few folds and tucks into a watertight vessel, the petiole used as the handle.

Situation: Grows well in part shade to full sun. Likes regular watering while getting established. Tolerant of moderate frost, but prefers shelter from wind. Mulch well and fertilise in spring/summer with a fertiliser such as 'Palmgrow'. **Usage:** Fantastic landscape palm especially when planted in groups. Great for smaller gardens. Also suitable for patio tubs and containers with regular watering.





Prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade.



Tolerates light



Tolerates



Requires adequate moisture.



Grows to a height of 6 metres.

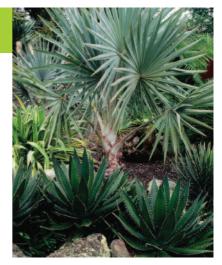
Bismarck Palm Bismarckia nobilis

Common name: Bismarck Palm **Species:** *Bismarckia nobilis*

Description: The Bismarck Palm is a stunning species from the island of Madagascar. Its massive grey fan leaves can be up to 3 metres across and it is becoming a familiar sight in warm climate gardens around the world. Slow growing in our climate, but well worth the wait. **Situation:** Requires a full sun location, sheltered from strong winds, and with good drainage. Will tolerate some

frost but requires plenty of heat to grow well. Water over summer until established.

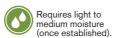
Usage: One of the most impressive of all garden plants, the Bismarck Palm can be used as a stand alone feature plant in landscaping.



Prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade.



Tolerates light winds.









Blue Hesper Palm Brahea armata

Common name: Blue Hesper Palm

Species: Brahea armata

Also known as: Mexican Blue Palm

Description: One of the most stunning of palms, with large blue/grey leaves up to 2 metres across. Native to Mexico, Brahea armata will tolerate heat and drought when established and is also tolerant of heavy frosts. Mature plants send out long arching branches of many small whitish blossoms beyond the leaves making quite an impressive display.

Situation: It is a very hardy palm that will handle sun, drought and frost and is also tolerant of strong winds. Prefers full sun. Water in summer until established. **Usage:** Use as a stand alone feature plant in landscaping, or make a stunning group. Looks good in desert and rock gardens.





Prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade.



Will tolerate high winds.



Requires little moisture and is drought tolerant.



Will tolerate heavy frosts



Grows to a height of 3 metres.

Jelly Palm Butia capitata

Common name: Jelly Palm **Species:** *Butia capitata*

Also known as: Pindo Palm, Wine Palm

Description: Stunning grey/blue leaved palm with arching foliage. A very hardy feature palm that tolerates most conditions, being hardy to drought, wind and frost. An ideal specimen tree for any garden. Grows up to 4 metres. **Interesting Fact:** In its native home in Southern Brazil and Uruguay its large orange to yellow fruit is often used for jam (jelly) making or fermented into wine and can be

eaten raw. The fruit is also popular with birds.

Situation: It is a very hardy palm that will handle coastal conditions, strong winds, dry soil as well as heavy frost (to about -10°C). Prefers full sun. Water over summer until established.

Usage: Commonly used as a stand alone feature plant in landscaping and also good for street planting. Useful for exposed locations.





Prefers full sun but will tolerate part shade.



Will tolerate high winds.



Tolerates low moisture



Will tolerate heavy frosts.



Tolerates coastal conditions, including salt spray.



Grows to a height of 4 metres.

Chinese Fishtail Palm Caryota ochlandra

Common name: Chinese Fishtail Palm **Species:** Caryota ochlandra

Description: A unique and fast growing palm from the Canton region of China. The Chinese Fishtail Palm has a slender white trunk topped with beautiful 'fishtail' leaves in a cascading crown. This is one of the hardier Caryota's tolerating full sun, light frost and some wind. Grows to 6 metres after 10 years.

Situation: Grows best in full sun, but will tolerate some

shade. Likes regular watering while getting established. Tolerant of moderate frosts and wind. Mulch well, and as they are heavy feeders, fertilise in spring/summer with a fertiliser such as 'Palmgrow'.

Usage: Will add a special tropical touch to the garden. Can be used as a stand alone specimen or planted in groups.





Prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade.



Medium wind tolerant.



medium frosts.



Requires adequate moisture.



Grows to a height of 6 metres.

Mediterranean Fan Palm Chamaerops humilis

Common name: Mediterranean Fan Palm **Species:** *Chamaerops humilis* **Also known as:** European Fan Palm

Description: A low growing, usually multi-stemmed palm from around the Mediterranean. Their low height and hardy nature make them a favourite with landscape designers. **Situation:** One of the toughest of all palms, tolerating heavy frost and occasional snow as well as coastal salt laden wind, and still look fantastic. Will take drought conditions once

Usage: Versatile and beautiful! Manicured plants have a very strong form and make a stunning feature specimen. In their natural form they make a great leafy background, particularly useful in more challenging garden situations. Useful as a screen or dense hedge. Quite salt resistant and may be grown near the ocean. Ideal for a container or pots, due to its drought resistance and durability to heat and cold.







established. Not suitable for very wet positions.











Grows to a height of 2 metres.

Dragon Tree Dracaena draco

Common name: Dragon Tree Species: Dracaena draco

Also known as: Dragon's Blood Tree

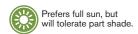
Description: One of the most stunning and architectural of plants, with a smooth, concrete grey trunk and a compact head of grey/green strap-like leaves.

Situation: Incredibly hardy to drought, wind and coastal conditions. Very easy to grow, provided it gets reasonable drainage and full sun.

Usage: Fantastic as a landscape feature, particularly in

windy or exposed sites where other plants may struggle. Dracaenas thrive in pots as well and can remain in a pot for many years and can be replanted at any stage. It is highly resistant to diseases and pests.







High wind tolerant.



medium frosts. low moisture.





Grows to a height of 3 metres

Sugar Cane Palm Dypsis baronii

Common name: Sugar Cane Palm

Species: Dypsis baronii

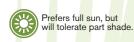
Also known as: Hardy Cane Palm

Description: A beautiful medium sized clumping species, the Sugar Cane Palm has attractive smooth, slender green stems topped with a yellow crownshaft and fine dark green leaves. Similar in size and form to its close relative, the pantropically grown Golden Cane Palm (Dypsis lutescens), but much better suited to our climate.

Situation: It prefers a rich, moist soil with adequate water and drainage. It grows well both in shade and full sun, and will tolerate light frosts when established. Likes a sheltered location.

Usage: Becoming increasingly popular as a garden palm because of its smaller size and attractiveness. Perfect for under-planting taller palms or for use in smaller spaces.







Tolerates light



Will tolerate



adequate moisture.



feeding will encourage steady growth and is essential in

indoor palms tolerating low light and neglect.

exposed locations to ensure success. Also one of the best

Usage: Planted singly or in groups, their elegant pendant

tropical, 'south seas island' look to the garden. They don't

Palms also make superb indoor plants tolerating low light and

grow too tall and are suitable for smaller gardens. Kentia

low humidity. Give them a month's rest in a shady place

outdoors a couple of times a year to keep them happy (and

fronds and slender, green banded trunks will give a real

Grows to a height

Kentia Palm Howea forsteriana

Common name: Kentia Palm Species: Howea forsteriana

Also known as: Sentry Palm, Paradise Palm

Description: From Lord Howe Island in the South Pacific, the Kentia is one of the most popular palms in the world. Its elegant pendant fronds and slender, green, banded trunk make it a beautiful addition the garden.

Situation: Although very elegant and beautiful, the Kentia Palm is surprisingly tough, tolerating coastal conditions once established. They prefer to grow in part shade when young and gradually acclimatise to the sun. Regular watering and



indoor palm.



but will tolerate





Requires adequate moisture.



don't forget to water them!).



coastal conditions



Grows to a height of 4 metres.

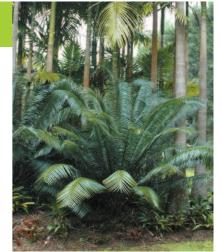
Pineapple Zamia Lepidozamia peroffskyana

Common name: Pineapple Zamia Species: Lepidozamia peroffskyana Also known as: Scaly Zamia

Description: A large and stunning cycad with glossy dark green leaves that can grow up to 2 metres long. A real show stopper! Foliage is soft to the touch. Mature plants produce cones that resemble large pineapples.

Situation: Plant in a well drained position in part shade to full sun.

Usage: Makes an impressive feature plant, great under taller palms or anywhere that a bold statement is needed.



Prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade



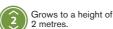
Medium wind tolerant.



Low moisture requirement (when established)



medium frosts.









Will tolerate light frosts.





Australian Fan Palm Livistona australis

Common name: Australian Fan Palm

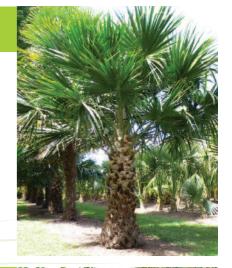
Species: Livistona australis

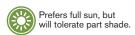
Also known as: Australian Cabbage Palm

Description: This large and stately palm has a full crown of dark green fan shaped leaves above a beautifully textured brown trunk

Situation: It is a very hardy palm and will tolerate most conditions including heavy frosts and coastal winds. The Australian Fan Palm is not particular about soil and grows happily in heavy clay and will grow faster if adequate water is available. Fertilise twice a year in spring and summer with a good quality slow release fertiliser that contains micronutrients such as 'Palmgrow'.

Usage: Good as a feature palm where a hardy species is required, for avenue planting and for providing shelter and structure in larger gardens.















Grows to a height of 5 metres.

Chinese Fan Palm Livistona chinensis

Common name: Chinese Fan Palm Species: Livistona chinensis Also known as: Fountain Palm

Description: This palm from Southern Japan, Taiwan and islands in the South China Sea is as tough as it is beautiful. The wide crown of broad, bright green leaves with cascading tips gives it its other name - the Fountain Palm. Situation: It is a very hardy palm and will tolerate most conditions including moderate frosts and coastal winds. The Chinese Fan Palm is not particular about soil, but will grow

faster if adequate water is available. Fertilise twice a year in spring and summer with a good quality slow release fertiliser that contains micro-nutrients such as 'Palmgrow'.

Usage: Being slow to get height the Chinese Fan Palm is great for underplanting taller palms, and as a lush leafy filler





Prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade.



High wind









Senegal Date Palm Phoenix reclinata

Common name: Senegal Date Palm Species: Phoenix reclinata Also known as: Wild Date Palm

Description: The Senegal Date Palm is very versatile having a slender trunk, either clumping or sometimes single, and a crown of fine, arching, grey-green leaves with bright orange leaf bases.

Situation: Plant in full sun with plenty of space and water. This palm will thrive in a wide range of conditions being

tolerant of coastal and windy locations and considerable frost.

Usage: Use this tree as a dramatic specimen plant. Single trunked specimens are great for avenue planting, while clumping plants have a more relaxed informal appearance. For fast growth fertilise in spring and summer with 'Palmgrow' which has been developed specifically for Palmco palms.





Prefers full sun, but will tolerate part shade.



High wind



adequate



coastal conditions.



Grows to a height

Miniature Date Palm Phoenix roebelenii

Common name: Miniature Date Palm Species: Phoenix roebelenii Also known as: Pygmy Date Palm

Description: This beautiful and feathery miniature palm is one of the most popular of palms both indoors and out. Small growing with a slender trunk and a full crown of lovely fine leaves, this species can easily be accommodated in the smallest of gardens.

Situation: This delightful little palm is a favourite landscaping plant because it will tolerate a wide range of conditions, is low growing and very pretty. Grows in full sun to shade and tolerant of wind and light frost.

Usage: An excellent choice for under-planting taller palms or for smaller garden areas, also a low maintenance container plant for indoors or on the patio.



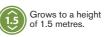












Silver Date Palm Phoenix sylvestris

Common name: Silver Date Palm

Species: Phoenix sylvestris

Also known as: Wild Date Palm, Sugar Date Palm

Description: Looking somewhat like a more robust form of the commercial Date Palm, the Silver Date has an attractive orange hued, medium sized trunk, topped off with a dense crown of silver toned leaves.

Interesting Fact: A very useful species as the fruit from this palm species is used to make wine and jelly. The sap is tapped and drunk fresh or fermented into toddy or boiled to make palm jaggery.

Situation: Plant in full sun with plenty of space and water until established. When mature this palm will withstand considerable drought, wind and heavy frosts.

Usage: Use this tree as a dramatic specimen plant or for avenue planting. Particularly good at creating a Mediterranean or Middle Eastern ambiance. For fast growth fertilise in spring and summer with 'Palmgrow' which has been developed specifically for Palmco palms.







High wind



tolerant.







Grows to a height of 4 metres.

Majestic Palm Ravenea rivularis

Common name: Majestic Palm Species: Ravenea rivularis

Description: A fast growing palm from Madagascar with a smooth whitish trunk that is flared at the base, giving it a unique and exotic appearance. It has a compact crown of finely divided leaves.

Situation: The Majestic Palm requires a fertile and sheltered location with plenty of moisture to grow to perfection. A good choice for planting near rivers and conditions with wet soils. A heavy feeder it should be fertilised regularly with a balanced fertiliser such as 'Palmgrow'. Will grow happily in full to half day sun. Usage: The Majestic Palm looks good as a specimen and

also in groups. Use when a fast growing and stately palm is required with a tropical appearance.





Prefers partial shade but will tolerate full sun.



Tolerates light



Will tolerate



Requires heavy watering.



Grows to a height

Nikau Palm Rhopalostylis sapida

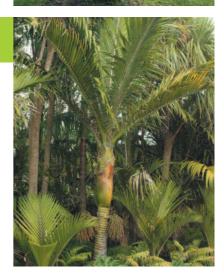
Common name: Nikau Palm Species: Rhopalostylis sapida Also known as: Feather Duster Palm

Description: New Zealand's iconic native palm, with its distinctive crown of upright leaves and rounded crownshaft. The subject of numerous works of art, sculpture and architecture, the Nikau is an essential plant for both the native and sub-tropical garden. Bright red fruit are particularly attractive to birds.

Situation: The Nikau prefers to establish a shady position

and gradually grow into the sun. More advanced specimens are alright planted directly in sun. Water well until established. Off-shore and southern forms of Nikau are wind and full sun tolerant.

Usage: An absolute must for any sub-tropical or native garden. Use where a strong formal or structural element is required, either as a specimen or in group planting. Looks equally at home with ferns and other palms or with rocks and groundcovers. Mulch well.





Prefers filtered light when young, but will grow in full sun.



Medium to high



Will tolerate



adequate moisture.



Grows to a height of

Chatham Island Nikau Rhopalostylis sp

Common name: Chatham Island Nikau

Species: Rhopalostylis sp

Also known as: Pitt Island Nikau, Feather Duster Palm

Description: A superior form of New Zealand's iconic native palm, with its distinctive crown of upright leaves and rounded crownshaft. The subject of numerous works of art, sculpture and architecture, the Nikau is an essential plant for both the native and sub-tropical garden. Bright red fruit are particularly attractive to birds.

Situation: Generally Nikau Palms prefer to start off with

some shade and gradually grow into the sun. More advanced specimens are alright planted directly in sun. Water well until established. The Chatham form of Nikau is faster growing and considerably more wind tolerant than other varieties and is a good choice for coastal areas, provided adequate moisture is available.

Usage: An absolute must for any sub-tropical or native garden. Use where a strong formal or structural element is required, either as a specimen or in group planting. Looks equally at home with ferns and other palms or with rocks and groundcovers. Mulch well.





height of 3 metres.



Queen Palm Syagrus Romanzoffiana

Common name: Queen Palm Species: Syagrus Romanzoffiana Also know as: Cocos Palm

Description: The smooth, grey, stately trunks of the Queen Palm topped with an arching crown of dark green feathery fronds make it one of the most popular palms in New Zealand gardens.

Situation: One of the faster growing palms, the Queen Palm will grow in a range of soils and climates, provided there is adequate drainage. They are hardy to moderate

frosts and considerable wind. A position in full sun is best. Generous watering and feeding while young will reward you with fast growth and robust, healthy plants.

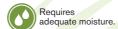
Usage: Place Queen Palms where a bold statement is required and it's beautiful arching crown has room to spread. Their fast growth is great for quickly getting maturity in the garden and creating the framework for smaller, slower growing species. Often used for driveway avenue planting and street planting.













Windmill Palm Trachycarpus fortunei

Common name: Windmill Palm Species: Trachycarpus fortunei Also known as: Chusan Palm

Description: From China the Windmill Palm is a very hardy plant and one of the most frost tolerant palms available. It has a full crown of flat circular leaves and a slender trunk covered with fibres. The trunk fibres can be removed to give this common palm a very different and exotic appearance. A height of about 4 metres can be achieved in 10 years. Interesting Fact: The Windmill Palm is probably the most

cold hardy palm in cultivation, with mature specimens known to survive temperatures as low as -25°C.

Situation: Windmill Palms grow in a range of soil types and climates. Tolerant of heavy frost and moderate wind but not wet feet. For best results fertilise in spring and summer with 'Palmgrow'.

Usage: Good for smaller gardens and filling in spaces between larger plants. They are suitable both as a single specimen or group planted for a more informal effect. Always good value for money.





but will tolerate



Medium wind











Grows to a height



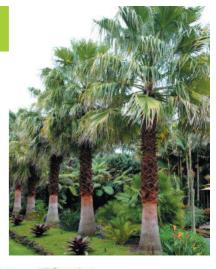
Common name: Cotton Palm Species: Washingtonia robusta

Also known as: Skyduster Palm, Washington Palm

Description: Naturally from Mexico, Washingtonia robusta is the skyscraper of palms, a familiar sight in the streets of Los Angeles. Leafbases and young trunks are a rich orange colour, becoming grey with age. They have a full crown of large fan leaves with drooping ends.

Situation: Cotton Palms are particularly hardy and fast growing. Suitable for planting in exposed and windy, or frosty situations.

Usage: A very stately tree, great for row, street and driveway plantings. In larger gardens they can provide a fast growing garden framework, shelter and screening. Ideal for coastal situations as it will handle wind and sea sprays.

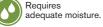




Prefers full sun, but will tolerate











Tolerates coastal conditions, including



Grows to a height

Palmco's BIG Field Grown Natives

Common names: Pohutakawa, Karaka, Titoki, Cabbage Tree, Kowhai, Puriri, Puka. Species: Metrosideros, Corynocarpus, Alectryon, Cordyline, Sophora, Vitex, Meryta

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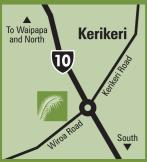


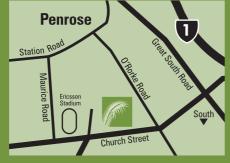






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