Mediterranean Fan Palm

Chamaerops humilis

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: European Fan Palm

Description:

This very hardy and robust fan palm eventually forms rounded clumps of beautiful blue green foliage; can grow in poor soils and is quite drought tolerant once established; an excellent screen, and does particularily well in containers



Mediterranean Fan Palm
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Planting & Growing

Mediterranean Fan Palm will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This tropical plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, 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.



Mediterranean Fan Palm fruit
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Mediterranean Fan Palm makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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.



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