East Bay Nursery

Jelly Palm

Butia capitata

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Pindo Palm, Wine Palm, Butia odorata,

Description:

This feather palm eventually forms a thick solitary trunk that can reach 20 feet tall; graceful leaves that almost recurve back to the trunk; a very hardy variety that withstands considerable cold for a palm; a great accent or container plant

Planting & Growing

Jelly Palm will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tropical plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Jelly Palm
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Jelly Palm foliage
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Jelly 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.



Jelly Palm fruit
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