East Bay Nursery

Mexican Blue Palm

Brahea armata

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Blue Hesper Palm, Blue Fan Palm

Description:

A majestic palm that is native to Baja California, Mexico; attractive appearance especially when young; persistent leaves should be trimmed away; it can survive mild freezing temps; a wonderful addition to the tropical landscape

Planting & Growing

Mexican Blue Palm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from 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 to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tropical plant for future generations!

This tropical plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Mexican Blue Palm
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Mexican Blue Palm in bloom
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