East Bay Nursery

Baby Queen Palm

Chamaedorea plumosa

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Miniature Queen Palm, Sun Chamaedorea Palm

Description:

A compact, single trunk palm that looks great planted in multiples; feathery fronds have a fluffy appearance, creating an elegant accent for the patio or garden; tolerates full sun, but also great for filtered light areas; can be grown as a houseplant

Planting & Growing

Baby Queen Palm will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. This is a dioecious species, meaning that individual plants are either male or female. Only the females will produce fruit, and a male variety of the same species is required nearby as a pollinator.

This tropical plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..



Baby Queen Palm
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Baby Queen 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.



Baby Queen Palm fruit
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