Bailey's Fan Palm

Copernicia baileyana



Bailey's Fan Palm
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Height: 50 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Yarey Palm, Wax Palm

Description:

A tall and showy palm for the landscape, featuring a stout, thick trunk topped with a dense crown of stiff, deeply segmented, fan shaped leaves; attractive cream flowers are followed by clusters of black fruits

Ornamental Features

Bailey's Fan Palm has attractive green evergreen foliage on a tree with the bulk of the canopy held atop a towering trunk or stem. The large glossy palmate leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. It features dainty clusters of creamy white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. The fruits are showy dark green drupes which fade to black over time, which are displayed in mid summer. The smooth gray bark is extremely showy and adds significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Bailey's Fan Palm is an open evergreen tree with a strong central leader and a towering form, with a high canopy of foliage concentrated at the top of the plant. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Bailey's Fan Palm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting

Planting & Growing

Bailey's Fan Palm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above 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 for 60 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.