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Areca Palm

Dypsis lutescens

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Butterfly Palm, Golden Cane Palm, Bamboo Palm

Description:

A small palm that is very easy to grow; cane-like multiple stems that resemble bamboo are topped with pinnate, upward arching fronds with yellow midribs; an elegant addition to the landscape; small yellow-orange fruits mature to black in fall



Areca Palm
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Areca Palm will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 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 approximately 10 years.

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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..

Areca Palm makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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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