

Chrysalidocarpus lutescens

(Yellow Butterfly Palm, Bamboo Palm)

This elegant, clump-growing palm reaches 8-12 m in height with a spread of 2-3 m. The gently arching, ringed, bamboo-like, green, multiple trunks silver-green trunk are topped with curved, feathery, yellow-green fronds. There are usually around six to eight yellow-green leaves on long petioles curve upwards creating a butterfly look. This stunning soft palm is quite valued throughout the tropics and is widely planted in frost free areas. The small, white, inconspicuous flowers are produced all year long and the small black fruits ripen all year. Yellow Butterfly Palm makes an attractive specimen, screening, or poolside planting. They require regular fertilizer applications to maintain a good appearance



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Palmier dore', Palmier d' Arec

Pronunciation: kriss-al-lid-oh-KAR-pus loo-TESS-enz

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: Madagascar

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Specimen, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright, Palm

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

Notes

Commonly planted inside shopping malls and hotels. Very impressive entrance element.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 50 - 80

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: True

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Fleshy

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Orange, Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: High, Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts:

Pests: Scales, Whitefly

Plant Propagations: Seed, Division

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