

Rhapis excelsa

(Lady Palm)

Small clustered palm maximum 3 m height. The trunks are covered with interesting leaf scar patterns and are wrapped with mats of brown fiber. Shiny green leaves are deeply divided. The plant is able grow in shade opr part shade. Can survive small frost. Use lady palm in the landscape to create dense screens and hedges, Lady palm can be used for foundation plantings and in outdoor tubs and planters. It is tough enough to handle interior and urban situations. If used in pots, provide enough room for the clump to expand, when stems reach the edge it's time to repot into a larger container.



Leaf Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Rhapis élevé
Pronunciation: RAY-pis ek-SEL-suh
Plant Type: Palm
Origin: Southern China
Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11
Uses: Specimen, Indoor, Container, Wildlife
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: oval
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Coarse
Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Costapalmate

Leaf Blade: 50 - 80

Leaf Shape: Star

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent:

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Pink

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: White

Seasons: Spring

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Mowing Height: 5 - 7 cm

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts:

Pests: Nematodes, Caterpillars

Plant Propagations: Cutting
