

Brahea armata

(Mexican blue palm)

Mexican Blue Palm is a slow growing very distinctive and attractive plant with large, blue/grey fan leaves. It grows to 10-15 m in height . Beautiful and distinctive long sprays of flowers arch out and down 3-4 m from the canopy . It will adapt to dry or sandy locations in arid climates and requires no special care once established. It is very frost resistant, and established good sized plants have been known to survive -10C. Mostly disease resistant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Palmier bleu du Mexique

Pronunciation: BRAY-ya are-MAH-tah

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: Mexico

Heat Zones:

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11

Uses: Specimen, Container, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Upright, Palm

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Companion Plants: Yucca, Dasylirion, Nolina

Notes

Brahea armata is a wonderfully bright accent plant for the arid garden making a perfect companion for hardy succulent plants such as Yucca, Dasylirion and Nolina

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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: Fan

Leaf Margins: Lobate

Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Panicle

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Yellow, White

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Rough Texture

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Summer

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed
