

## 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, Dasyilirion, 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, Dasyilirion 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

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#### 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

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Rough Texture

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#### 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

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### 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

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