

Pseudophoenix sargentii

(Buccaneer Palm)

Pseudophoenix sargentii is an attractive small palm, resembling the royal palm but can be distinguished by its trunk which is more smooth and glossy. It is a solitary, monoecious palm. It holds an open crown of pinnate leaves which can measure up to 2 m long. In habitat, it is usually found along the coast in alkaline soil. The fruit is red, hence the common name "cherry palm".



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>French Name:</b> Palmier de guinée
<b>Pronounciation:</b> soo-doh-FEE-niks sar-JEN-tee-eye
<b>Plant Type:</b> Palm
<b>Origin:</b> South Florida, the Bahamas, Belize, Cuba
<b>Heat Zones:</b>
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 10, 11, 12
<b>Uses:</b> Specimen, Indoor, Container
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Slow
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Upright, Palm
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Symmetrical
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Open
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Fine
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 8 to 15 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> 3 to 5 meters
<b>Time to Ultimate Height:</b> 10 to 20 Years

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## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Odd Pinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** 50 - 80

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Green, Yellow

**Seasons:** Year Round

### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** True

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

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Smooth, Colored

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Green, Red

**Seasons:** Year Round



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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

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

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, 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

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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