Areca catechu

(Betel Nut Palm)

Betel natal palm is a tropical palm tree can be used un hot climates or indoor container planation. The tree can reach 20 m as a mature size. It has dark green feather like leaves and forming a smooth green crownshaft. The trunk of this palm is remarkably straight and slender In summer, fragrant yellowish white flowers appear in clusters below the crownshaft. The clusters contain both male and female flowers. In its native area the palm is used for fiber, timber as alcohol and as a medicine.



Landscape Information

French Name: Aréquier. Palmier à bétel **Pronounciation:** a-REEK-uh KAT-eh-choo

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: Southeastern Asia

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

Hardiness Zones: 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Indoor, Container, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast Tree Shape: Palm

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Coarse
Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m
Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistance: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Even Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 50 - 80 Leaf Shape: Linear Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3 Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant Flower Color: White

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: True Number of Trunks: Single Trunk Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Yellow, Orange

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: No Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Mites, Caterpillars
Plant Propagations: Seed

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