

Dioon edule

(Virgin palm, Mexican cycad,)

Mexican cycad is one of the plant still remaining from the ancient flora. It can grow about 2-3 mi in height. The 120-160 leaflets on each leaf are small leathery with a sharp point. The seeds are edible . It can grow best in a partial shade and considered drought resistant.Dioon edule is one of the most cold hardy cycads. Used as a large specimen or in container



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name:	Dioone comestible
Plant Type:	Palm
Origin:	Mexico
Heat Zones:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Hardiness Zones:	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses:	Specimen, Indoor, Container, Rock Garden

Size/Shape

Growth Rate:	Slow
Tree Shape:	Palm
Canopy Symmetry:	Symmetrical
Canopy Density:	Open
Canopy Texture:	Coarse
Height at Maturity:	1 to 1.5 m
Spread at Maturity:	1 to 1.5 meters
Time to Ultimate Height:	20 to 50 Years

Notes

It is well advised to plant this plant away from footpaths and walkways due to its shary pointy leaf.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral
Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible
Leaf Persistence: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound
Leaf Blade: 50 - 80
Leaf Shape: Ovate
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Leathery, Coarse
Leaf Scent: No Fragrance
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: 10 - 20
Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)
Flower Scent: No Fragrance
Flower Color: Green

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage
Number of Trunks: Single Trunk
Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True
Fruit Size Range: Over 20 cm
Fruit Colors: Yellow

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: More than 50

Edible Parts: Seeds

Plant Propagations: Seed

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