

Wodyetia bifurcata

(Foxtail palm)

The foxtail palm has one of the most spectacular foliage displays of all palms. Single trunk palm, delicately arched long leaves. The leaves look like a foxtail or bottle brush and swing from the smallest wind. The crownshaft is longer than most other palms. Reaching about 9 m it becomes perfect as a patio, terrace or specimen plantation. It grows best in full sun and tolerates wide variety of soils. It is considered as drought tolerant plant and only little frost it can tolerate.



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Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Palmier queue de renard

Pronunciation: wod-YET-ee-uh by-fur-KAY-tuh

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: Australia

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Mass Planting, Container, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: Over 80 cm

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: Unpleasant

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: Over 20

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: True

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green, Red

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

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

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Seed

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