

Chamaedorea cataractarum

(Cat Palm, Cascade Palm, Cataract Palm)

Cat palm is a small type of palms native to Mexico, and ideal to use in small gardens or indoor. The plant is dioecious, which means that it has only one type of flowers, either male or female.

It grows in well drained soil, needs average watering and partial sun.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: palmier cascade

Pronunciation: kam-ee-DOR-ee-uh kat-uh-RAK-tar-um

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: Mexico

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Border Plant, Indoor, Container, Windbreak

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Palm

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Even Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Green, Black

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Division

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