Sabal palmetto

(Cabbage palm)

Cabbage palm can reach up to 20 m high. It has a rough, fibrous trunk that is quite variable in shape, from straight and erect. This palm is topped with a very dense, round crown of deeply cut, curved, palmate leaves. The flowers are creamy white very showy that become green to black fruits during summer. It is a very salt tolerant palm and tolerates any light and soil condition. It could be used as a specimen, or as a street tree since it is tolerant to urban conditions.



Landscape Information

French Name: Palmetto nain

Pronounciation: SAY-bull pahl-MET-oh

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: USA South Carolina, Florida

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 **Hardiness Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Specimen, Container, Wildlife, Street,

Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow **Tree Shape:** oval

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Coarse
Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Plant Image

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral
Leaf Venation: Palmate
Leaf Persistance: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Costapalmate
Leaf Blade: Over 80 cm

Leaf Shape: Star Leaf Margins: Entire Leaf Textures: Rough Leaf Scent: Unpleasant

Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Scent: No Fragance

Flower Color: White Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected

to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Black Seasons: Summer

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Fruit Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

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

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand **Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Mowing Height: 5 - 7 cm Surface Rooting: Yes Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts:

Pests: Mites, Nematodes **Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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