

Adonidia merrillii

(Adonidia Palm, Christmas Palm)

Christmas palm is an evergreen palm that has a very nice dark green foliage, and a fruit that becomes red in December, which is the reason behind its common name, and it has a showy bark. It is highly susceptible to lethal yellowing disease.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Petit palmier des Philippines
Pronunciation: ah-doh-nih-DEE-ah mehr-RILL-ee
Plant Type: Tree, Palm
Origin: Philippines
Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Street

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Upright, Palm
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 5 to 8 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Odd Pinnately compound

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green, Yellow, White

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: True

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Summer

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Diseases: Lethal Yellowing disease

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Scales

Plant Propagations: Seed

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