

Coccothrinax argentata

(Silverpalm, Florida silver palm, Thatchpalm)

Silverpalm is a small, slow-growing palm that is named for its distinctive blue-green palmate leaves with silver undersides. The trunk can either be smooth and grey or covered in fiber. Silverpalm bears non-showy small, white flowers and purple fruits. It tolerates salty locations and soils with a high pH, so long as they are well drained. It also tolerates shady locations.



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Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: koe-koe-THRY-nacks ar-jen-TAY-tuh

Plant Type: Palm

Origin: Florida, Mexico, Caribbean, Colombia

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: Upright, Palm

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m, 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Over 80 cm

Leaf Shape: Star

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green, Silver, Blue-Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Catkin

Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Smooth, Rough Texture

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Purple

Seasons: Summer

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Bark Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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