

Brahea armata

(Grey goddess, Mexican blue fan palm)

Mexican Blue Palm is a strong palm that withstands wind and exposure well. The leaf bases on some palms are persistent for several years, but they can be removed to make the palm more appealing. Blue Palm is easy to transplant provided it is irrigated regularly for several months after transplanting. It will adapt to dry or sandy locations in arid climates and requires no special care once established. This palm is poorly suited for humid climates and should not be over irrigated.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Plant Type:	Palm
Origin:	Mexico
Heat Zones:	8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones:	8, 9, 10, 11
Uses:	Specimen

Size/Shape

Growth Rate:	Moderate
Tree Shape:	Palm
Canopy Symmetry:	Symmetrical
Canopy Density:	Open
Canopy Texture:	Fine
Height at Maturity:	8 to 15 m
Spread at Maturity:	1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Costapalmate

Leaf Blade: Over 80 cm

Leaf Shape: Star

Leaf Margins: Lobate

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

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: Over 20 cm

Fruit Colors: Orange, Black

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Surface Rooting: Yes

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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