

## Veitchia merrillii

### (Christmas Palm, Manila Palm)

An erect palm with single trunk. It has a very showy feather look like canopy with a glossy, bright red fruit. It has a very neat appearance and well suited as a patio, terrace or specimen tree. Unfortunately very sensitive to the lethal yellowing disease.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Palmier de Noël,

**Pronunciation:** VEE-chee-uh mer-RILL-ee-eye

**Plant Type:** Palm

**Origin:** Philippines

**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12

**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11, 12

**Uses:** Specimen, Indoor

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Upright, Palm

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Open

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 3 to 5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

#### Notes

Unfortunately, the palm is very susceptible to lethal yellowing disease. There are other *Veitchia* resistant to the disease, such as *Veitchia macdanielsi* and *Veitchia montgomeryana*.

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Parallel

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Odd Pinnately compound

**Leaf Blade:** 30 - 50

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Type:** Panicle

**Flower Sexuality:** Diecious (Monosexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Green, Yellow

**Seasons:** Summer

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** True

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Smooth, Colored

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**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:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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