Hoopers Palm

Chamaedorea hooperiana

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Maya Palm

Description:

A very popular selection presenting graceful fronds arching out from central stems, great for semi-shaded areas in warmer climates; should be brought inside during the cooler months; low maintenance and easy to grow



Hoopers Palm foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Hoopers Palm's narrow pinnately compound leaves remain green in color throughout the year on a plant with an arching habit of growth.



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Landscape Attributes

Hoopers Palm is an open multi-stemmed annual with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hoopers Palm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Hoopers Palm will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this slow-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Hoopers Palm is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.