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Coconut Palm

Cocos nucifera

Height: 70 feet

Spread: 35 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Description:

A tall palm, native to the Western Pacific, but grown in frost free areas around the world; a single trunked variety crowned with downward arching green fronds; fragrant yellow flowers may appear year round, followed by edible fruits

Planting & Growing

Coconut Palm will grow to be about 70 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 35 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tropical plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..



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