

# Chinese Fan Palm

*livistona chinensis*



*Field grown Chinese Fan Palm*

The slow growing, Chinese Fan Palm, or *Livistonia chinensis*, originates from southern Japan and China. It is also known by names such as the Fountain Palm and the Chinese Fountain Palm due to its resemblance to a flowing fountain. In their multi-trunk form, they are often planted in staggered groupings to create a landscaped privacy wall or hedge.

The large and partially segmented leaves range in color from a bluish green to a glossy olive green and can grow up to 5 feet long and 5 feet wide. On the interior of the leaf stems, there are short spines that enlarge towards the trunk. Chinese Fan Palms can thrive in a wide range of soil, water and temperature conditions, however it is important to note that they need full to partial sun in order to grow. Chinese Fan Palms are pest and disease resistant, drought tolerant, self-cleaning and will survive very well with minimal care.

The Chinese Fan Palm produces yellow-cream inflorescence flowers that are shorter than the leaves, thus making them inconspicuous. Both male and female flowers grow on the same plant. Flowers are then followed by small, oval shaped fruits. The fruit starts out green, turns to dark blue then to blue-gray when they are ripe.



*Chinese Fan Palm leaves*



*Ripe Chinese Fan Palm seeds*

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Chinese Fan Palm in the landscape

## Common Names:

Chinese Fountain Palm  
and Fountain Palm

## Native Origin:

China and Southern  
Japan

## Environment:

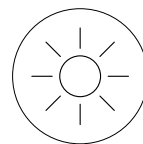
Soil: widely adaptable  
Salt: moderate  
Exposure: full sun to  
partial shade

## Description:

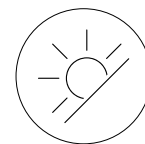
Hardy Range: 9 - 11  
Mature Height: 30 - 50'  
Mature Spread: 3 - 5'  
Growth Rate: slow

## Ornamental Characteristics:

Adonidia Chinese Fan Palm has a straight, grey-brown trunk, and its base is somewhat swollen and about 18 inches in diameter. The trunk is capped with an evergreen dense crown of palmate leaves that hang downward creating a fountain like effect. They can be grown as multi-trunk or single trunk. It produces yellow flowers which are followed by small oval fruits about 1 inch long. It has a slow growth habit and is cold hardy. Grows best in full sun to partial shade.



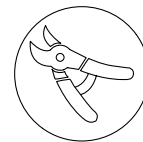
Full Sun



Partial Shade



Self Cleaning



Low maintenance