

Ribbon Palm

livistona decipiens



Field grown Ribbon

The Ribbon Palm is native to the east coast of Queensland, Australia, it received its name from its has very distinctive, fan-shaped leaves that split into many long segments from the middle of the leaf and look like ribbons dangling.

Tall and slender, the Ribbon Palm typically reaches a height of 30 feet with leaves measuring around 9 feet wide. As this palm matures, the crown fills out and the fronds become broader and softer. Flowers somewhat hidden among the leaves, are yellow in color and are borne on a 4 foot inflorescence. Following the flowers are small black fruit about 1/2 inch in diameter.

Even though it is very graceful in appearance, this palm is pretty tough once established. It will take a mild frost with little or no damage, and is also drought-tolerant once established. It is important to note that when young, Queens are sensitive to harvesting and transplanting, especially in smaller sizes.

Ribbon Palms work well when planted in an opening among groupings of trees or up against a wall or structure that can act as a backdrop. Ribbon Palms very delicate leaves that will shred with prevailing winds, so the placement is very important.



Ribbon bark



Ribbon leaves

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Ribbon Palm in the landscape

Common Names:

Ribbon Fan Palm,
Fountain Palm, Weeping
Cabbage Palm

Native Origin :

Australia

Environment:

Soil: moist, well-drained
Salt: very tolerant
Drought Tolerance: High
once established
Exposure: full sun

Description:

Hardy Range: 9A - 11
Mature Height: 30 - 50'
Growth Rate: moderate

Ornamental Characteristics:

The crown is held atop an arrow-straight trunk that can reach heights of 30 - 50 feet. The leaves can reach 9 feet wide and are held on 6 foot stems. The leaves are a mix between two leaves: a palmate, which is shaped like the palm of your hand and a pinnate, which is more feather shaped. There are about 80 segments that come out from the stem that hang towards the ground like ribbons. Flowers yellow and are borne on 4 foot inflorescences. The fruit is small and black and about a 1/2 inch in diameter.



Full Sun



High drought
tolerance



Salt tolerant