

# Roebelenii Palm

*phoenix roebelenii*



*Field grown Roebelenii*

The Roebelenii palm, also known as Miniature Date Palm or Pygmy Date Palm, is an attractive slow growing dwarf palm. They are typically grown in groupings of three trunks, however, Roebeleniis can also be seen as singles, doubles, quadruples and even quintuples. These palms thrive both indoors and outdoors.

Roebeleniis have upright or curving trunks that are relatively thin and covered with old leaf bases. They are topped with a dense, full crown of arching glossy green leaves that grow to about 4 feet.

Around April to May, cream colored flowers appear hidden amongst the foliage. They are held on short, 1 foot long inflorescences. Between September and October, fruit appears in clusters and ripen to a dark purple-ish black color. It is important to note that Roebeleniis have sharp leaf spines arranged near the base of the leaf stem.

This palm does best in well-drained soil and partial shade to full sun. Temperatures below 30° F may cause cold damage to landscape plants. They are relatively low maintenance and quite hardy. It is common to see Roebeleniis as an indoor container plant or by patios, entry ways, yards, pools and other areas that provide protection from frost damage.



*Roebelenii flowers and spikes*



*Roebelenii leaves*



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*Roebelenii in the landscape*

## Common Names:

Pygmy Date Palm, Dwarf  
Date Palm, Roeb

## Native Origin :

Southern China

## Environment:

Soil: clay, sand, loam,  
acidic, slightly alkaline,  
well-drained

Salt: moderate

Drought Tolerance:  
moderate

Exposure: full sun or  
partial sun

## Description:

Hardy Range: 10A - 11

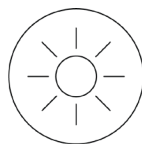
Mature Height: 6 - 12'

Mature Spread: 6 - 10'

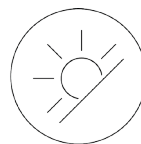
Growth Rate: slow

## Ornamental Characteristics:

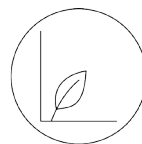
These small palms boast glossy green leaves that have a feathery appearance and grow to be about four feet long. Their straight brown trunks are typically grown in groups of three, though they can appear on their own or in groups of up to five. Flowers are a creamy white color and appear in drooping clusters in the early spring. These blooms produce clusters of fruit that ranges in color from dark purple to brown/black.



Full Sun



Partial Shade



Slow growth