

Botanical Name: Washingtonia filifera

Common Name: California fan palm

Type of Plant: monocot: treelike Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked palm, with a stout trunk (2-3' diameter) and large gray-green fan-shaped fronds; more robust in overall mass and having a larger canopy than Washingtonia robusta

Height 20-50' (70') Spread 10-20' Growth Rate mod-fast

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial at inland locations

Soil sandy, well-draining soils

Hardiness hardy (zones, 8,9,11-24); thrives in hot desert areas

Morphology:

Leaves large fan-shaped fronds; 6-10' long, petioles are armed; blades are gray-green (petioles 3-5' long, blade 3-6' long)

Flowers white, in long panicles arising between the fronds; spring-summer

Fruit a berry; small, black, drupe-like, 1/2-3/4" diameter

Propagation: seed

Usage: a vertical accent for its form and distinctive foliage, for tropical effects; street or lawn tree

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional soaking; plant is very drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is needed

Pruning none, except to remove old fronds or flower stalks

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Southern Calif. Family: Areaceae