

Botanical Name: Caryota urens

Common Name: Fishtail palm

Type of Plant: monocot: tree Family Areaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Single trunk upright palm with a thick trunk and bipinnately
divided fronds whose pinnules resemble a 'V' shaped fish tail

Height to 60 ft. Spread to 25 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade when young

Soil prefers a rich, well-amended soil

Hardiness Tender – Zones 23, 24 or indoors

Morphology:

Leaves Bipinnately compound fronds, with pinnules trapeziform (fishtail-
like) about 6" across – very distinctive

Flowers Monocarpic – (tree dies after lowest fruit ripen) long drooping
clusters with both male and female parts present – creamy white

Fruit two seeded drupes

Propagation: seed

Usage: dramatic tropical accent tree for very protected, mild climates;
sometimes used as a greenhouse or atrium specimen tree

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering – does not tolerate drought

Fertilizing feed regularly with a balanced, slow-release fertilizer

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases frost can cause damage or kill younger trees

Other fruit has spicules which can cause severe irritation --use gloves

Origin: Burma, southern Asia