

Botanical Name: Chamaerops humilis

Common Name: Mediterranean fan palm

Type of Plant: monocot Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, clumping fan palm, with trunks slowly curving upward from basal offshoots; trunks are dark gray-brown, fibrous, 1' diameter

Height 5'-10' (20') Spread 1/2 to equal Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial to full sun

Soil prefers a sandy, well-drained loam; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy, to 15 F (zones 5-24) a very durable palm

Morphology:

Leaves fan-shaped fronds: the blade is cut 1/2-2/3 into narrow pointed segments; blade 2'-3' width, dark blue-green; petioles 2'-3' long

Flowers mostly dioecious: flowers are small, yellowish

Fruit a drupe: 1/4"-1/2" diameter, red when ripe

Propagation: seed, or division of the clump

Usage: a dramatic small accent palm (clumping form, fan-fronds); excellent for containers or raised planters; a valued plant for tropical theme

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred, but tolerates some drought

Fertilizing balanced, in spring and summer; avoid heavy application

Pruning none, except to remove old fronds (not self-cleaning)

Pests/Diseases

Special Conditions

Origin: North Africa Family: Areaceae