

Botanical Name: Zamia furfuracea

Common Name: Cardboard palm

Type of Plant: Cycad: perennial Family Zamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, clumping cycad with many-branched underground stems; forms a
dense mass when established

Height to 4 ft. Spread 4 to 6 ft. Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers light shade, tolerates full sun without reflected heat

Soil prefers a well-drained soil; thrives in sandy conditions

Hardiness Tender – Zones 23-24

Morphology:

Leaves Coarse, thick, pinnately compound fronds to 3 ft. long often
covered with rusty felt on younger foliage; leaves are very stiff

Flowers dioecious; male cones to 8" long, 2" across; female cones to 15"
long, 6" across

Fruit 3/4" rounded drupes turning pink to red when ripe

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: Choice container plant for tropical or subtropical appearance;
used for foliage and form; very durable when established

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering in containers; allow to dry well before
watering – good drainage is essential

Fertilizing appreciates light feeding about 3x per year

Pruning remove dead leaves

Pests/Diseases scale, mealybug in areas of poor air circulation

Other

Origin: Eastern Mexico to Florida