

Botanical Name: Dypsis lutescens

Common Name: Areca palm

Type of Plant: monocot: palm Family Arecaceae (Palmae)

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, multi-trunked, upright feather palm with smooth, yellow-green trunks and slender foliage

Height 10 to 25 ft. Spread to 10 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor medium to high light indoors, protected, shady areas outdoors

Soil prefers well-amended, well drained soil

Hardiness tender to frost (Zones 23 and 24) fairly durable indoors

Morphology:

Leaves feather palm with ascending, yellow-tinged fronds with 40 - 60 leaflets evenly spaced along rachis, generally borne in a flat plane

Flowers monoecious, with flowers in groups of 3 (2 male, 1 female), small yellow and usually found down inside the foliage

Fruit purple to black, 1/2" to 3/4" long

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: prized accent or specimen palm for containers, raised beds or protected tropical landscapes; widely used in atrium gardens, shopping malls and large office situations

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, frequent watering; be sure soil drains well

Fertilizing half-strength fertilizer monthly, or use slow-release 2x per year

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases spider mites in fall; this is a persistent problem

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Madagascar