

Botanical Name: Syagrus romanzoffianum (Arecastrum romanzoffianum)

Common Name: Queen Palm

Type of Plant: monocot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape very erect, single-trunk, self-cleaning feather palm;  
trunk is gray, 1'-2' diam., with conspicuous leaf-scar rings; fronds arch up-  
wards and out to form large open canopy; lower fronds tend to droop

Height 20'-40'(50') Spread 1/3-1/2 Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun; protect from heavy winds

Soil prefers well-drained location; tolerates most soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 12,13,15-17,19-24); grows best in warm

Morphology:

Leaves feather-shaped frond; 10'-15' long, bright green; the  
pinnae are narrow and soft-pointed, 2'-3' long; petiole is unarmed

Flowers the plant is monoecious: of yellow staminate and pistillate  
flowers in a crowded 2'-3' spadix developing between fronds; summer-late fall

Fruit a leathery, hard drupe: oval, 1" long, yellow when ripe

Propagation: seed

Usage: a large-scale vertical accent palm, valued for its erect  
form and clean appearance; widely used as street tree; best for larger  
landscapes-tropical style; the most widely used palm in California

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred, but plant is fairly drought-tolerant

Fertilizing little required, but responds with rapid growth with nitrogen

Pruning none, except to remove wind-damaged fronds

Pests/Diseases relatively free; spider mites

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil, Argentina Family: Areaceae