

Botanical Name: Phoenix reclinata

Common Name: Senegal Date Palm

Type of Plant: monocot: treelike Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, clumping feather palm, with a few to several
slender (9-18") trunks; topped with a crown of stiff arching-spreading fronds;
the plant is not self-cleaning

Height 20-30' Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full or partial sun

Soil prefers loamy soils; avoid sites with clay and bad drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 21-24); prefers mild coastal climate

Morphology:

Leaves feather-type fronds, 10-15' long, stiffly arching, bright
green; the basal pinnae are rigid and modified as stiff spikes at base of frond

Flowers dioecious; small, yellowish, on drooping panicles; variable
blooming period - usually in our summer months

Fruit a leathery drupe; 1/2-3/4" long, oval, red-brown when ripe

Propagation: by seed

Usage: a dramatic large-scale accent palm, commonly used for its
clumping form and silhouette; excellent for tropical theme landscapes; best if
used with Spanish-Mediterranean or modern architecture; use with water-features

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; in mild coastal climate areas the
plant is fairly drought-tolerant; requires heavier watering at inland sites

Fertilizing as needed, 1-2 times a year; check for chlorosis

Pruning remove old dead fronds; thin out clump as needed for shape

Pests/Diseases relatively free; may get crown rot at poorly drained sites

Special Conditions a high-maintenance palm if thinned for best appearance

Origin: tropical regions of western Africa Family: Areaceae