

Botanical Name: Archontophoenix cunninghamiana (Seaforthia elegans)

Common Name: King Palm

Type of Plant: monocot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked, self-cleaning feather palm, with large stiff fronds arching outwards to form an open canopy; the fronds have large petiole bases that ensheath the trunk

Height 20'-40' (50') Spread 10'-15' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun preferred; can tolerate shaded location

Soil moist well-draining loam; tolerates poorer

Hardiness tender (zones 21-24); require warm wind-sheltered habitat

Morphology:

Leaves a large feather-type frond: 10'-15' (20') long, dark glossy green, self-cleaning; petioles are unarmed, have greatly expanded base

Flowers pink, tiny; borne on many-branched panicle; the inflorescence arises at the leaf bases; summer-fall

Fruit a nut: small (1/4"-1/2"), oval

Propagation: seed

Usage: a stately accent palm, prized for distinctive canopy produced by arching fronds; street tree, tropical or subtropical landscapes; needs wind protection

Landscape Care:

Watering regular; thrives in heavily watered locations having good drainage

Fertilizing balanced, as needed

Pruning none

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Areaceae