

Botanical Name: Chamaedorea cataractarum

Common Name: Cat palm

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Palmae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small clumping upright palm with coarse-textured, pinnate leaves
usually 3 to 4 plants per clump

Height to 5 ft. Spread to 5 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoors bright light indoors; shade outdoors

Soil likes a well-amended, organic soil

Hardiness some frost; Zones 16, 17, 22-24

Morphology:

Leaves pinnately compound, rachis pronounced and pale-striped beneath,
13 to 16 leaflets to 10" long; fronds to 3 ft. long, somewhat arched

Flowers spikes of yellow-green inconspicuous flowers – staminate and
pistillate flowers are separate

Fruit 3/8" diameter black drupe

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: specimen palms in atrium areas, patios and tropical gardens;
excellent in containers, generally long-lived and durable

Landscape Care:

Watering need regular watering

Fertilizing low-nitrogen fertilizer in spring; avoid concentrated fertilizers

Pruning remove dead fronds and flower stalks

Pests/Diseases spider mites, tip burn

Other _____

Origin: Southern Mexico to Panama