

Botanical Name: Butia capitata (Cocos australis)

Common Name: Pindo Palm

Type of Plant: monocot Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, single-trunked feather palm; not self-cleaning  
(very old palms may show clean trunks); fronds gray, strongly arched and re-  
curved; has irregularly armed petioles

Height 10'-20' Spread 1/2-2/3 Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil sandy, well-draining; tolerates most, but not alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 13-24); thrives in warm coastal locations

Morphology:

Leaves feather-shaped fronds; 8'-12' long, strongly arched and  
recurved; pinnae are linear, 1'-2' long, rather stiff, bluish-gray green;

Flowers panicles of small yellowish flowers produced among leaves;  
variable-mostly in summer

Fruit an edible drupe, oval, yellow-tan, 1/2"-3/4" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: a small accent tree valued for form and gray foliage;

useful for tropical landscapes; can be used as large tub plant

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; tolerates some drought after  
established

Fertilizing little is needed after established

Pruning none, except to remove old leaves and flower stalks

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Paraguay Family: Areaceae