

Botanical Name: Howea belmoreana

Common Name: Sentry Palm

Type of Plant: monocot: palm Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape moderate sized feather palm with smooth trunks,
strongly arching fronds smaller and more compact than H. forsterana

Height to 20' Spread to 15' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure in/out half shade outdoors; bright areas indoors

Soil prefers a well-amended, fairly organic soil

Hardiness tender to frost - fairly sturdy indoors

Morphology:

Leaves fronds to 7' long, strongly arching - petioles very short
pinnae crowded, pointed upward from rachis - about 1" wide

Flowers small greenish spikes held between leaf axils -- 30 to 40
stamens per male flower

Fruit drupe to 1" across

Propagation: seed

Usage: specimen palm for indoor areas, atrium gardens, patio
areas -- excellent in containers but get larger if planted in the ground

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular, uniform watering -- avoid extremes of wet
or dry

Fertilizing slow-release or organic fertilizers only

Pruning remove dead fronds

Pests/Diseases scale, mealybug, spidermites

Special Conditions fairly rare in cultivation

Origin: N. of Aust. Family: Araceae