

Botanical Name: Rhapis excelsa

Common Name: Lady palm

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small, clumping, fan palm with blunt, dark green leaves

Height 5-10' Spread 5-10' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor shade outdoors; average light indoors (200 FC)

Soil average potting soil -- needs good drainage

Hardiness some frost, to 20 degrees

Morphology:

Leaves fan palm -- 3-10 leaflets per leaf, each to 8" long,  
curved, 1 1/2" wide -- often blunted at tips

Flowers dioecious -- small yellowish flowers in drooping  
clusters -- not decorative

Fruit drupe to 1/2" wide -- yellow green

Propagation: seed, air layering

Usage: choice indoor plant or patio plant -- tolerant of much  
neglect and low light

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering, but tolerates some drought.

Fertilizing 1/2 strength monthly during growing season

Pruning remove flower stalks and dead leaves

Pests/Diseases tip burn if placed in too much light; spidermites

Special Conditions very durable indoors or out

Origin: S. China Family: Areaceae