Pygmy Date Palm

Phoenix roebelenii

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Miniature Date Palm, Robellini

Description:

This miniature palm makes an incredible accent plant; cut suckers away to maintain a single trunk; will slowly mature into a compact palm to make an excellent focal point; great tropical accent for patio planters

Planting & Growing

Pygmy Date Palm will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more. This is a dioecious species, meaning that individual plants are either male or female. Only the females will produce fruit, and a male variety of the same species is required nearby as a pollinator.

This tropical plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Pygmy Date Palm
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Pygmy Date Palm foliage
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