



**European Fan Palm**  
*Chamaerops humilis*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Mediterranean Fan Palm

**Description:**

This very hardy and slow growing fan palm eventually forms rounded clumps of beautiful blue green foliage; can grow in poor soils and is quite drought tolerant once established; does particularly well in containers

**Ornamental Features**

European Fan Palm has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage on a plant with the bulk of the canopy held atop a towering trunk or stem. The palmate leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

European Fan Palm is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a towering form, with a high canopy of foliage concentrated at the top of the plant. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

European Fan Palm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*European Fan Palm*  
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*European Fan Palm fruit*  
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### Planting & Growing

European Fan Palm will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live to a ripe old age of 100 years or more; think of this as a heritage shrub for future generations!

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

European Fan Palm makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers.

Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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