



### **Mocora Palm**

*Astrocaryum standleyanum*

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Black Palm, Chumba Wumba

#### **Description:**

This large and beautiful solitary variety with an arching, umbrella shaped crown; trunk is covered with long black spines; cream colored flowers are followed by orange fruit; attractive in the landscape, planted individually or in groupings

#### **Planting & Growing**

Mocora Palm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tropical plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.



*Mocora Palm*

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*Mocora Palm bark*

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