



Senegal Date Palm

Phoenix reclinata

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Wild Date Palm

Description:

A clumping variety, widely utilized in tropical landscapes; cut away suckers for a single trunk; makes an excellent landscape focal point; showy ripe fruits may be harvested for eating, cooking, or preserves; grows in a wide range of conditions

Planting & Growing

Senegal Date 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 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 is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



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