



Cretan Date Palm

Phoenix theophrasti

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 25 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Description:

A compact, clumping variety, considered the hardiest of all the date palms; makes an excellent landscape focal point; showy ripe fruits are edible and sweet, but very small; grows in a wide range of conditions, in temperate and subtropical areas

Planting & Growing

Cretan Date Palm will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 5 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium 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..



Cretan Date Palm
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Cretan Date Palm fruit
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