



Macauba Palm
Acrocomia aculeata

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Coyol Palm, Grugru Palm, Macaw Palm

Description:

A handsome, single trunked palm featuring large, pinnate, bluish-green leaves forming a high canopy; viciously sharp thorns cover the trunk; great for arid or semi-arid regions; an elegant addition to the tropical landscape; keep away from walkways

Planting & Growing

Macauba Palm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This tropical plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..



Macauba Palm bark
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