



**Dark Mealybug Madagascar Red Leaf Palm**  
*Dypsis 'Dark Mealybug'*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Chrysalidocarpus

**Description:**

A magnificent, large palm with a robust, solitary trunk and a long crownshaft; red new leaves quickly turn green; huge, ascending leaves are strongly recurved at the tips; small yellow-orange fruits appear in fall

**Planting & Growing**

Dark Mealybug Madagascar Red Leaf Palm will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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. 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 rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Dark Mealybug Madagascar Red Leaf Palm is a fine choice for the yard, but it is also a good selection for planting 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.



*Dark Mealybug Madagascar Red Leaf Palm foliage*  
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