



Caribbean Royal Palm
Roystonea oleracea

Height: 100 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Imperial Palm

Description:

A magnificent, massive palm with a tall column-like trunk topped with a superb green crownshaft, supporting attractive, upswept feather-like green leaves; a wonderful vertical accent tree in warm urban landscapes

Planting & Growing

Caribbean Royal Palm will grow to be about 100 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 to a ripe old age of 150 years or more; think of this as a heritage tropical plant for future generations!

This tropical plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.



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Caribbean Royal Palm flowers
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