

Adonidia merrillii

AH-doh-nid-ee-ah mer-RILL-ee-eye

Common Names: Christmas Palm, Manila Palm, Pacific Palm

Family: Arecaceae

Origin: Phillipines, Malaysia

Growth: Upwards, old fronds naturally fall off

Light: Full sun

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: Regularly. Keep evenly moist. Can tolerate short periods of drought.

Humidity: 60% - 90%

Temperature: 22°C+

Soil: Well-draining

Container: Self-watering, irrigated bed

Nutrients: 20-10-10 monthly

Propagation: Seed or splitting

Interiorscape Use: Atrium, Large Potted Plant

Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Old fronds naturally get pushed off.



Comments: Named after Christmas due to the bright red fruit during the holiday season. One of the most popular palms for interiorscape use. Its fruits are sometimes used as a substitute for the betel nut in preparing buyo for chewing. Often grown in clumps of three to four. Particularly vulnerable to spider mites. Very rarely flowers and produces the iconic fruit when grown indoors.

Toxicity: Safe.



AQUATOPIA

WATER GARDEN CONSERVATORY