

Caryota mitis

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Common Name: Fishtail Palm

Family: Arecaceae

Origin: Tropical Asia

Growth: Upwards, clumping

Light: Full sun, tolerates lower

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: Keep moist

Humidity: 50% - 90%

Temperature: 18°C - 29°C

Soil: Well draining potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter, irrigated bed

Nutrients: 10-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Seed or removal of offsets

Interiorscape Use: Large potted plant, atriums



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

Common Issues: Root rot if sitting in water. Can suffer transplant shock and drop some of its fronds.

Comments: The Fishtail Palm very rarely produces fruit when grown indoors. Acclimates well to indoor environments and can grow quickly in the right conditions. Very interesting palm frond unique to the *Caryota mitis*.

Toxicity: The berries produced by this palm are poisonous. Will cause severe pain in the mouth if eaten. Burning and swelling of lips, mouth, tongue, and throat; difficulty of speaking. Handling berries will also cause redness and swelling of skin and eyes.



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