

Ravenala madagascariensis

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Common Names: Traveller's Palm,
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Family: Strelitziaceae
Origin: Madagascar

Height: Specimen = 35'

Light: Full sun

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: Keep evenly moist

Humidity: 40% - 70%

Temperature: 18°C - 28°C

Soil: Well draining potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter

Nutrients: 15-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Seed or removal of suckers

Interiorscape Use: Atrium

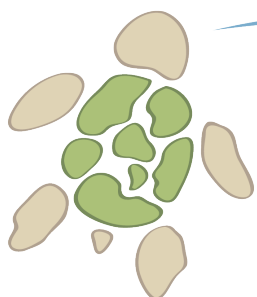


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root when sitting in water. Cold drafts cause brown tips. Leaves rip naturally. Monitor the petioles for pest infestations.

Comments: Not a true palm in the Arecaceae family, but a monocot in the Strelitziaceae family. Named after Traveller's due to stories of people drinking rain water that collects between the leaves. This water is not typically safe to drink due to the high concentration of detritus and mosquito larvae. Additionally, the plant grows in an East-West direction, which helps guide wayward travellers.

Toxicity: Safe.



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