

# Dypsis lutescens

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**Common Names:** Areca Palm, Golden Cane Palm, Butterfly Palm, Betel Tree, Indian Nut

**Family:** Arecaceae

**Origin:** Madagascar

**Growth:** Upwards, clumping

**Light:** Bright, indirect

**Foot Candles:** 175+

**Water:** Keep evenly moist

**Humidity:** 40% - 90%

**Temperature:** 20°C - 32°C

**Soil:** Well draining potting mix

**Container:** Self-watering planter

**Nutrients:** 10-10-10 Monthly

**Propagation:** Seed or division

**Interiorscape Use:** Large potted plant, atrium

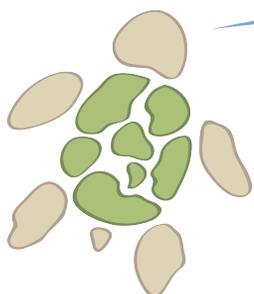


**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

**Common Issues:** Root rot when sitting in water. Fronds may crisp in direct light or when exposed to a cold draft.

**Comments:** 'Butterfly Palm' refers to the leaves which curve upwards in multiple stems to create a butterfly look. The fruit is commercially grown for consumption mainly in India and has an intoxicating effect that is also mildly addictive. Often chewed with a betel leaf. Very rarely flowers and produces fruit indoors.

**Toxicity:** Safe.



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