



Sylvester Date Palm

Phoenix sylvestris

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: India Date Palm, Wild Date Palm

Description:

This variety is widely utilized in tropical landscapes; will slowly mature into a stately palm and make an excellent landscape focal point; ripe fruits may be harvested for eating, cooking, or preserves

Planting & Growing

Sylvester Date Palm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more. This is a dioecious species, meaning that individual plants are either male or female. Only the females will produce fruit, and a male variety of the same species is required nearby as a pollinator.

This tropical plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.



Sylvester Date Palm
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Sylvester Date Palm foliage
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