

Alexandra Palm



FAMILY: Arecaceae

HABIT: Single stem palm to 30m, with a spread of 2.5m.

LEAVES: Pinnate to 3m, dark green above and silvery grey below.

FLOWER/FRUIT: Large sprays 80cm wide of small cream flowers followed by red globular fruits, about 1cm diameter. Fruits from July to October.

PROPAGATION: Fresh ripe seed germinates easily within 3 months.

LOCAL HABITAT: Rainforests, often along riverine areas.

DISTRIBUTION: Eastern Queensland north of Gladstone.



GENERAL: Needs well-composted soil, ample moisture in a frost-free area. Fronds susceptible to attack by larvae of palm-dart butterfly. Native birds and flying foxes eat the fruit. Larval food plant of many butterfly species.



REFERENCES: The Society for Growing Australian Plants Horticultural Guide Sheet (QLD Region).