



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Pygmy Date Palm *Phoenix roebelinii*

DESCRIPTION: Pygmy Date Palm is a great little palm for Arizona. It originated from Southeast Asia where it grows wild. The Pygmy Date Palm is a small palm with single or multi-trunk varieties. It is a slow growing (to 6'-8' tall), low maintenance palm tree with little to no mess and provides a tropical look to any Arizona landscape. It has a graceful crown of attractive arching feather-type leaves. It bears small insignificant flowers, and females produce small purple to reddish-black fruits-dates. It is adaptable to different growing conditions, is extremely salt-tolerant.

RECOMMENDED USE: The Pygmy Date Palm is valued as a highly decorative, small-scale palm for protected locations. It is ideally suited for container culture. It is a perfect option for a pool side plant or in small gardens.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: to around 20-25°F. We do recommend covering this palm if we have a freeze to prevent frost burn on the leaves.



Sun tolerance: This species can be grown in full sun or partial shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. In containers it needs regular Fertilization during warm weather.



Soil requirements: It can tolerate a wide range of soils, but prefers well drained soil.



Pruning: Old dying leaves as needed.