

Chamaedorea Metallica Palm, Miniature Fishtail Palm - Plant



Chamaedorea Metallica Palm has foliage with a dark metallic blue green sheen like the colour of gunmetal. This single stemmed palm has leaves in the shape of a chalice or fish s tail being simple, undivided and notched at the tip.

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Description for Chamaedorea Metallica Palm, Miniature Fishtail Palm

Plant height: 19 - 29 inches (48 - 74 cm)

Plant spread:

Chamaedorea metallica, is native to Mexico. This palm has a foliage with a dark metallic blue-green sheen hence the common name Metallica Palm. This palm is usually planted in a group of two or three. This is slow growing small palm that is perfect for small landscapes. It can also tolerate low lights making it perfect for indoors.

Common name(s): Metal Palm, Metallic Palm, Miniature Fishtail Palm, Dwarf Fishtail Palm.

Flower colours: It produces small red, purple or orange flowers that grow in a branched inflorescence.

Bloom time: -

Max reachable height: This palm can slowly grow up to 5-10 ft tall and 1-5 ft wide.

Difficulty to grow: Easy to Moderate.

Planting and care

Metallic palm thrives in moist, humus rich soil and is tolerant of alkaline limestone soils. Naturally undemanding for nutrients, metallic palm responds very well to regular applications of palm fertilizer.

Metallic palm grows naturally in the understory of dense forests, and is tolerant of deep shade and low light conditions.

Sunlight: Partial shade to Shade. Tolerance to low light conditions make this palm perfect for growing indoors.

Soil: Chalky, Loamy, Sandy soil : moist but well-drained.

Water: Water the plant until the soil is evenly moist. Do not over water the palm plant or leave it sitting in water. Check often to be sure that the plant is draining properly.

Temperature: They can handle a winter rest in cooler conditions, not less than 50 F. (10 C.). They do tolerate central heating.

Fertilizer: Feed your palm regularly during the growing season. If possible, use a palm fertilizer, which will contain all the micro nutrients and extra potassium and manganese. Potassium deficiency is especially common in palmsâ€”it shows up in yellowing or brownish fronds.

Caring for Chamaedorea Metallica Palm

- Palms grow best when you let their roots fill the pot.
- They need soil-based potting compost and should not be repotted unnecessarily.
- They are sensitive to chemicals and will be damaged if you expose them to aerosol sprays.
- If you need to treat them with insecticides, be sure what you use is suitable for a palm.

Typical uses of Chamaedorea Metallica Palm

Special features: Palms tend to lend themselves to creating shadows and reflections. You can stand a palm in an alcove that is lined with a mirror and create stunning effects. If you put one on each side of a fireplace, itâ€™s even doubly stunning. The shadows cast by the palmâ€™s fronds can pattern a plain wall. Spotlights can create good strong light for bold shadows.

These are quite dramatic. Don't position spotlights too closely because this generates too much heat for the palm to withstand. Finally, lighting the plant from below can cast shadows onto opposite walls and even the ceiling.

Ornamental use: This plant is used for ornamental purpose.

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