

Kentia palm - Plant



Latania lontaroides is one of the most widely used palms for bright interiors. It features feathery, arching fronds, each with up to 100 leaflets. These big, bold plants command attention.

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Description

Description for Kentia palm

Umbrella palm is a plant which belongs to the Cyperus genus. The umbrella plant is a sedge and a member of the ancient papyrus family. It is an ornamental / grass that typically grows as a perennial, which is defined as a plant that matures and completes its lifecycle over the course of three years or more.

Umbrella palm is known for growing to a height of approximately 5.94 feet (that s 1.83 metres in metric). Madagascar is believed to be where Umbrella palm originates from.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Kentia palm, Sentry palm, Thatch palm, Paradise palm	NA	NA	6 to 7 feet	Moderately easy

Planting and care

Palms grow in some very extreme situations

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most popular palm plants are pretty adaptable. They can handle a winter rest in cooler conditions, not less than 50 F. (10 C.).

They do tolerate central heating. They prefer light, but not strong light and especially when they are young.

They do not like drafts and sudden changes in temperature. Some of them, though, prefer a regular slight drop in temperature at night.

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.

Because many palms are grown to a great height in tropical climates, a grower needs to know the plants matured height before buying. Grown indoors and potted correctly they will grow to approximately 3 ft- 8 ft in height, making it a good idea to plan where the plant will reside, based on the space needed.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Palm s prefer partial shade (or partial with some sunlight), as they are more than happy in low-light conditions.	Loamy soil/ Sandy soil/ Soil with a pH range of 6.5 to 8.0	Keep soil moist throughout the growing season,	They can handle a winter rest in cooler conditions, not less than 50 F. (10 C.). They do tolerate central heating.	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 Kentia palm

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Typical uses of Kentia 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. Donâ€™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.

Culinary use: NA

Ornamental use: NA

Medicinal use: NA

References

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