

Traveller Palm - Plant



Traveller Palm (*Ravenala madagascariensis*) with its exceptionally beautiful leaf display would make a great addition to a garden. It will turn any yard into a little slice of paradise.

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Sales price R 874

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Description It has been given the name "traveller palm" because the sheaths of the stems hold rainwater, which supposedly could be used as an emergency drinking supply for needy travellers.

These plants grow to be enormous, with huge leaves sprouting from a long stems in a flat, fan-shaped pattern like a peacock s tail.

They are actually members of the bird-of-paradise plant family.

The traveller palm is more closely related to the banana tree family than the palm tree one.

Height: 30-50 ft.

Difficulty level: Easy.

Planting & Care

Anywhere you plant, keep in mind the growth direction of the crown of foliage as this becomes a very large and wide-spreading plant, place it no closer than 8 to 10 feet from the house.

When using against a fence or short wall, come out about 4 feet or more. If planting a row of them, space 6 to 8 feet or more apart.

This plant will work in a container only while it s very young.

Sunlight: It likes full sun but can also grow in light shade.

Soil: Moist, well drained soil.

Water: Regular watering.

Temprature: Can tolerate cold temperature down to 20 F.

Fertilizer: Fertilize 3 times a year in spring summer and autumn using a quality all-purpose or palm fertilizer.

Care:

- Plant with top soil or organic peat moss added to the hole.
- Trim off outside leaf branches as needed (and as long as the plant is reachable).

Use

Ornamental use:

- Landscape uses for travelers palm.
- Anchor for a garden bed

Reference:

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