



Hardy Parlor Palm
Chamaedorea radicans

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Hardy Parlour Palm

Description:

An excellent plant for coastal and inland gardens; graceful fronds arch out from central stems, creating an elegant patio or garden environment; this variety is the most cold and sun hardy; move indoors to overwinter in colder climates

Ornamental Features

Hardy Parlor Palm has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage on a plant with an arching habit of growth. The narrow pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. It features dainty clusters of yellow flowers along the branches in mid spring. It produces black berries in mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Hardy Parlor Palm is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hardy Parlor Palm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Hardy Parlor Palm will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.



Hardy Parlor Palm
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This shrub does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Hardy Parlor Palm makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.