

WASHINGTONIA ROBUSTA



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Washingtonia robusta, commonly known as the Mexican fan palm, is a fast-growing, tall, slender palm species in the Arecaceae (palm) family and is named after George Washington, the first president of the United States.



It can typically reach a height of 20-30 meters. Its trunk tapers from base to top. The trunk is gray-brown and bears leaf scars. Dead leaves often remain attached to the trunk, creating a "skirt"-like appearance, earning it the nickname "skirted palm." These dead leaves are sometimes removed due to fire risk. Its leaves are glossy dark green, large, and fan-shaped. The leaf stalks can be approximately 1-1.5 meters long and are armed with sharp spines.

Cultivation and Uses

- It prefers warm, sunny climates and requires full sunlight.
- It adapts to well-drained soils but can grow in a variety of soil conditions.
- It is drought and wind tolerant.
- It is grown in temperate regions, but is susceptible to severe frosts.
- It has a fast growth rate.



Due to its magnificent appearance, it is widely used as an ornamental plant in parks, gardens, and streets around the world. Its large leaves provide shade. Its fruits (small, black drupes) have a small sweet pulp and are edible. In local cultures, the leaves are sometimes used for roofing or weaving.