

Lady Palm

Also called slender lady palm

(Rhapsis species)

Rarely reaching more than five feet tall, lady palm looks best with numerous bamboo-like stems. This plant is one of the best palms, but because of slow growth, it's expensive.

Light

Expose to medium (bright indirect) light. Avoid full sun. Tolerates low light. Grows well if under artificial light 16 hours per day.

Water

Allow soil to dry out between thorough waterings. Mist as often as possible, especially in hot weather. Raise humidity.

Temperature

Maintain average temperatures. Never let temperature go above 75 degrees. Prefers cool temperatures at night. Avoid drafts.

Comments

Pot up each spring in deep pot until plant is desired size. Use porous soil. Feed mild solution monthly from March through October, but do not overfeed. Add iron to diet occasionally. Wash leaves monthly. Propagate by seed (provide bottom heat), or by suckers at plant base.