





## **Pygmy Date Palm (shrub form)**

*Phoenix roebelenii (shrub form)*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Miniature Date Palm, Robellini

### **Description:**

This miniature palm makes an incredible accent plant; cut suckers away to maintain a single trunk; will slowly mature into a compact palm to make an excellent focal point; great tropical accent for patio planters

### **Planting & Growing**

Pygmy Date Palm (shrub form) will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet 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 60 years or more. This is a dioecious species, meaning that individual plants are either male or female. Only the females will produce fruit, and a male variety of the same species is required nearby as a pollinator.

This tropical plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Pygmy Date Palm (shrub form) 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.



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