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**SPECIES**

*Archontophoenix alexandrae* (Family *Arecaceae*)

**COMMON NAME**

Alex or Alexandra Palm

**ORIGIN**

Central to northern Queensland coastal rainforest

**DESIGN USE**

This palm tree is good as feature and screen in parks and gardens.



**HEIGHT**

25 m

**SPREAD**

2–2.5 m

**HABIT**

It is a handsome palm with fronds that tends to rotate 90° to expose the whole leaf in profile.

**FORM**

Alexandra palm is tall and has a graceful appearance with leaves up to about 2 metres long, stiff pinnately compound feather-like fronds.

**FLOWERS**

Have inflorescences up to 70 cm long, with pendulous rachillae to the fourth order and staminate white or cream flowers, 5-6 mm long; stamens 9-16.

**FLOWERING PERIOD**

Blooms all year

**FRUIT**

Fruit is red, 1-1.4 cm long, 0.8-1.1 cm in diameter.

**BARK / TRUNK / LEAVES**

Trunk gray, up to about 30 m tall. Leaves, about 10 in the crown, up to 2.5 m long, pinnae about 80 on each side, up to 80 cm long and 5 cm wide, whitish or ash-colored on lower surface, sheath green.

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

These palms can be grown in full sun (if the water is kept up to them), or in the shade.

**HORTICULTURE**

Propagation is by seed.

**REFERENCES**

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