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| SPECIES | Zamia furfuracea |
| COMMON NAME | Cardboard Plant, Cardboard Palm, Jamaican Sago Tree |
| ORIGIN | Coastal savannah of eastern Mexico |
| DESIGN USE | Coastal areas and as container plant |



HEIGHT

1m

SPREAD

2m

HABIT

Perennial with formal foliage and grows under the protection of the coastal scrub, but many plants can be found growing in full sun.

FORM

Compact form with thick, felty, palm-like leaves that are spirally arranged. Leaves that grows up to 1m long emerge in a rosette from a thick fleshy trunk.

FRUIT

The egg-shaped female (seed-producing) cones and smaller male (pollen-producing) cone clusters are produced on separate plants.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It displays a high salt tolerance and can be observed growing in some areas just above the high-tide line. Zamia is also very adaptable to various climatic conditions and has shown dependable growth and hardiness even in Mediterranean climates. Cold hardiness is good to several degrees to frost, with only occasional foliage burn or defoliation occurring during hard freezes.

HORTICULTURE

Easily grown, likes full sun, and sandy, well drained soils. Although it grows in pure sand in its natural habitat, it adapts well to almost any soil type. Zamia furfuracea is very tough and the growth is very rapid.

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