

CROSS-REFERENCE BETWEEN COMMON AND BOTANICAL NAMES

Some plants are better known by common names than by botanical (Latin) names. If you are looking for a palm that you know only by its common name, the list below may help you locate it in the master index to growers and plants.

Common names are sometimes helpful: for example, Bottle Palm rolls off the tongue more easily than *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*. But it may be tricky to rely just on those names: (1) A single species may have a different common name from region to region where it is native. (2) The common name may be inaccurate. *Ptychosperma elegans* is still often called Alexander Palm, but it's really the Solitaire Palm. *Archontophoenix alexandrae* is the 'true' Alexander Palm. One common name for *Dyopsis lutescens* is Areca Palm, but Areca describes plants of an entirely different genus. (3) The so-called common name may be only a recent commercial appellation designed to boost marketing appeal. For these reasons, we recommend that you become familiar with the botanical names of your favorite species.

COMMON NAME

BOTANICAL NAME

Alexander / King Palm

Archontophoenix alexandrae

African Oil Palm

Elaeis guineensis

Areca / Butterfly Palm

Dyopsis lutescens

Arikury Palm

Syagrus schizophylla

Bamboo Palm

Chamaedorea seifrizii

Betel Palm

Areca catechu

Blue Hesper Palm

Brahea armata

Blue Latan Palm

Latania loddigesii

Bottle Palm

Hyophorbe lagenicaulis

Buccaneer Palm

Pseudophoenix sargentii

Cabada Palm

Dyopsis cabadae

Cuban Belly Palm

Acrocomia crispa

Chinese Fan Palm

Livistona chinensis

Coconut Palm

Cocos nucifera

Date Palm

Phoenix dactylifera

Doum Palm / Gingerbread Palm

Hyphaene thebaica

Dwarf Palmetto / Blue Palmetto
European Fan Palm
Fishtail Palm
Foxtail Palm
Hurricane Palm / Princess Palm
Jelly Palm / Pindo Palm
Kentia Palm
Lady Palm
MacArthur Palm
Majesty Palm
Neanthe Belle / Parlor Palm
Needle Palm
Old Man Palm
Overtop Palm
Paurotis Palm / Everglades Palm
Peach Palm
Puerto Rican Hat Palm
Pygmy Date Palm
Queen Palm
Red Latan Palm
Red Sealing Wax Palm
Rootspine Palm
Royal Palm
Saw Palmetto
Scrub Palmetto
Seashore Palm
Senegal Date Palm
Silver Palm
Solitaire Palm
Spindle Palm
Sugar Palm
Talipot Palm
Thatch Palm / Brittle Thatch Palm
Triangle Palm
Yellow Latan Palm
Windmill Palm
Window Palm

Sabal minor
Chamaerops humilis
Caryota spp.
Wodyetia bifurcata
Dictyosperma album
Butia capitata
Howea spp.
Rhapis spp.
Ptychosperma macarthurii
Ravenea rivularis
Chamaedorea elegans
Rhapidophyllum hystrix
Coccothrinax crinita
Syagrus amara
Acoelorrhaphe wrightii
Bactris gasipaes
Sabal causiarum
Phoenix roebelenii
Syagrus romanzoffiana
Latania lontaroides
Cyrtostachys renda
Cryosophila spp.
Roystonea spp.
Serenoa repens
Sabal etonia
Allagoptera arenaria
Phoenix reclinata
Coccothrinax argentata
Ptychosperma elegans
Hyophorbe verschaffeltii
Arenga pinnata
Corypha umbraculifera
Leucothrinax morrisii
Dypsis decaryi
Latania verschaffeltii
Trachycarpus fortunei
Reinhardtia gracilis