

Chrysalidocarpus lutescens

Areca, Butterfly or Feather Palm

The Areca Palm is native to Madagascar and is one of the most popular indoor house plants. Areca Palms have feathery, medium green fronds, with almost 100 leaflets on each arching frond. Typically, indoors an Areca Palm will grow 6-7 feet tall. This can be quite large for most homes, but you can trim off the tallest fronds without harming the plant.

Light: Areca Palms require bright indirect light. Too much light or direct sun burns the fronds and causes them to turn yellow.

Water: Allow the top 1-2" of soil to dry out between waterings. Never let an Areca to sit in water as this will cause root rot. The fronds will wilt when they need water, but quickly perk up once the soil is drenched. All palms do not like chemicals or salt so avoid water that has passed through a softener or contains fluoride or chlorine. Both chemicals and salt cause freckle-like spots on the leaves.



Fertilizer: Feed monthly when it's actively growing with a well-balanced liquid fertilizer at ½ the recommended strength.

TIP: Areca Palms prefer temperatures between 65-75°F during the day and around 55°F at night. Areca Palms are sensitive to lower temperatures. If you place it outside during the summer, be make sure to bring it in before temperatures dip below 50°F.