

Phoenix roebelenii

Pygmy Date Palm or Dwarf Date Palm

The Phoenix roebelenii seldom flowers indoors, but they do feature arching fronds with thin, delicate-looking leaflets. Watch out for those sharp spines that are located at the base of the leaflets. The older the palm gets it will also develop thorns as well. The Phoenix roebelenii grows less than 36" tall. These palms have heavy roots so that make for heavier containers. When placed in an east window where the light is stronger in the morning, these palms seldom require moving again.

Light: This indoor date palm does well in bright, indirect light and place in an east or south facing window. It can survive in medium filtered light, but be careful not to over-water in lower light.

Water: Phoenix roebelenii palms like to stay moist so if you water them once each week that is adequate. Water only when the soil dries to a depth of 2". Place your finger into the soil and if it's not moist to the second knuckle, your palm needs water. During the Winter months, reduce watering and allow the soil to dry out completely in between waterings.



Fertilizer: Early in the Spring, resume regular watering and give your palm a half-strength dose of time-released palm fertilizer and then again in mid-summer. The best type of fertilizer to use for this palm is a palm tree fertilizer that is formulated to contain the right micronutrients for this particular type of palm. Plant food without enough magnesium or a potassium deficiency will cause the leaves to develop yellowing spots.

Tips:

- Place out of high-traffic areas, as the fronds are delicate yet armed.
- Phoenix roebelenii are non-poisonous houseplants.
- Phoenix roebelenii is also an air-purifying plant.