

## Alexandra Palm



**FAMILY:** Arecaceae

**HABIT:** Single stem palm to 30m, with a spread of 2.5m.

**LEAVES:** Pinnate to 3m, dark green above and silvery grey below.

**FLOWER/FRUIT:** Large sprays 80cm wide of small cream flowers followed by red globular fruits, about 1cm diameter. Fruits from July to October.

**PROPAGATION:** Fresh ripe seed germinates easily within 3 months.

**LOCAL HABITAT:** Rainforests, often along riverine areas.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Eastern Queensland north of Gladstone.



**GENERAL:** Needs well-composted soil, ample moisture in a frost-free area. Fronds susceptible to attack by larvae of palm-dart butterfly. Native birds and flying foxes eat the fruit. Larval food plant of many butterfly species.



**REFERENCES:** The Society for Growing Australian Plants Horticultural Guide Sheet (QLD Region).