

RHAPIS EXCELSA

Bamboo Palm

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Areaceae

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Description

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Rhapis excelsa is a clump-forming, evergreen palm with unbranched stems up to 3 metres tall and 15mm in diameter, each of which is topped by a crown of leaves. The plant spreads by means of rhizomes to form large, loose colonies[266]. The plant is harvested from the wild for local use as a source of materials. It is widely planted as an ornamental and grows well as a pot plant in houses[200].

Origin

E. Asia - southern China (Fujian, Guangdong, Guizhou, Hainan, Yunnan), Thailand, northern Vietnam

Uses

The stems are used for making chopsticks and walking sticks[266].

Cultivation

Grows best in a sheltered, shady position, though in regions where humidity is high and the soil does not dry out it can succeed in a sunny position[200]. A dioecious species, both male and female forms need to be grown if fruit and seed are required.

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