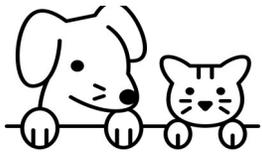


# Red Ponytail Palm



This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.



This plant is considered non-toxic, therefore safe around children and pets.

The ponytail is basically a "plant it and forget it" kind of plant, providing it has enough light to thrive and somewhat steady water throughout the growing season. Because this an arid plant by nature, periods of dryness are not deadly for an established plant.

## *Beaucarnea guatemalensis*

- **Use:** Indoors, these novel little palms are often grown in shallow pots, with a tuft of strappy green leaves emerging from a bulbous stem that seems to erupt from the soil. Given time and the right conditions, however, these plants will grow into respectable specimen plants, up to 6 feet in height or more. They are native to arid regions in Mexico, and are among the easiest palms to grow indoors.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Bright light indoors. Ponytail palms can be acclimated to full sun outside. During the growing season, water every 7 to 14 days. The bulbous stems store water, so be careful not to overwater. During the winter season, cut back water to monthly. Feed weekly with liquid fertilizer during the growing season, or use a slow-release pellet fertilizer in the spring. Reduce feeding during the winter.
- **Growth:** Extremely slow growing to 8 feet tall, 3 foot spread.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11; Houseplant; Tropical
- **Foliage:** Graceful swirling red-tinged leaves atop a small branched tree which develops a fantastic swollen base and lower trunk.
- **Flowers:** Not known for flowers.

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