

# Bismark Palm



Bring home the tropics with this silvery-blue palm!

## *Bismarkia nobilis*

- **Use:** a stunning, large silver blue fan palm that has become increasingly more popular in the past ten to twenty years. It is native to Madagascar where it tolerates fairly dry and hot climates. There is only one species within this genus. It is a stately single trunk palm that has a good sized trunk and, over many decades, can get tall. Large fan-like silver-blue leaves make an attractive compact crown.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to partial sun. Fairly drought tolerant, but will need water every 2-3 days in pots.
- **Growth:** It's trunk diameter is typically 18 to 24 inches. The tree can grow up to 50 feet tall and has a wide, open canopy of fronds that can span up to 20 feet in diameter.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone 9b-11 Tropical Palm in zone 8. Bring indoors when temps below 45.**
- **Foliage:** Waxy coating gives a gray-silver appearance on large palmate fan-shaped leaves that fall off naturally as they age.
- **Flower:** In female plants, flowers mature to a dark brown, ovoid, obtuse bi- or tri-lobed drupe with a single seed.

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