

Washingtonia robusta

COMMON NAME

California fan palm, desert fan palm, American cotton palm, cotton palm, Washington palm

FAMILY

Arecaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMILAR TAXA

Plants naturalising in New Zealand are either pure *Washingtonia robusta* or derived from hybrids between *W. filifera* and *W. robusta*.

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

LIFE CYCLE

Long-lived perennial tree which reproduces exclusively by seed. Fleshy fruits enclosing a hard nut are dispersed by birds and gravity.

YEAR NATURALISED

2007

ORIGIN

California (U.S.A.)

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

robusta: Sturdy

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/washingtonia-robusta/>



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