Washingtonia robusta

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

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS
Cream, White

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

GENUS
Washingtonia

FAMILY
Arecaceae

AUTHORITY
Washingtonia robusta H.Wendl.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

YEAR NATURALISED
2007

ORIGIN
California (U.S.A.)

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Ornamental

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

ETYMOLOGY
robusta: Sturdy

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/washingtonia-robusta/

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