

Botanical Name: *Beaucarnea recurvata*

Common Name: Ponytail Palm



Family: Agavaceae

Native Distribution: Scrub and semi-desert areas in SE Mexico

Plant Size: Up to 30' tall, 12' wide at the base

Flowers: Pale yellow sprays on older plants

Foliage: Thin and flat, up to 6' long and 1" wide, clustered in dense tufts at the ends of the branches that arch upward, then droop downward

Site Preferences: Full sun to light shade

Landscape Uses: In Phoenix, use as specimen, silhouette, or poolside; can also be used in containers.

Other Stuff:

- Slow growing semi-succulent.
- Has a swollen base which is an adaptation for storing water during times of drought.
- Works well as a houseplant as long as it has bright light; water only when dry.
- Water deeply, but infrequently, in well-drained soil (2:1:2 loam/peat moss/sand); over-watering can be a problem.
- Hardy to 18°F.