

**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.