

Botanical Name: *Pachypodium lamerei*

Common Name: Madagascar Palm



Family: Apocynaceae

Native Distribution: Madagascar

Plant Size: Up to 20' tall tree with single barrel trunk, deciduous

Flowers: 2-3" fragrant white night-blooming flower with yellow center

Foliage: Thick, spiny gray trunk up to 15' around with poisonous narrow green leaves

Site Preferences: Full to part sun, ample water in summer

Landscape Uses: Use as specimen tree, as a silhouette with its bold dramatic form.

Other Stuff:

- Semi tender in Phoenix and Las Vegas, protect it, or keep it in container.
- Related to *Adenium* and *Oleander*.
- Tends to lose its leaves and go dormant in winter, requiring very little water.
- Only mature plants (6' tall or more) will bloom.
- Flower fragrance is similar to Plumeria or Frangipani.
- Can be cold- and frost-sensitive.
- Mature trunks are encrusted with large thorns and the leaves are mostly just at the top of the plant.