

PLANT CARE GUIDE

ADONIDIA MERRILLII

(AH-doh-nid-ee-ah mer-RILL-ee-eye)

COMMON NAMES:

Christmas Palm, Manila Palm, Pacific Palm

FAMILY: Arecaceae

ORIGIN: Phillipines, Malaysia

GROWTH	Upwards, old fronds naturally fall off
LIGHT	Full Sun
WATER	Regularly. Keep evenly moist. Can tolerate short periods of drought.
HUMIDITY	60% - 90%
TEMPERATURE	22°C +
SOIL	Well-draining
CONTAINER	Self-watering, irrigated bed
NUTRIENTS	20-10-10 monthly
PROPAGATION	Seed or splitting
INTERIOSCAPE USE	Atrium, Large Potted Plant
COMMON PESTS	Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

COMMON ISSUES	Old fronds naturally get pushed off.
COMMENTS	Named after Christmas due to the bright red fruit during the holiday season. One of the most popular palms for interiorscape use. Its fruits are sometimes used as a substitute for the betel nut in preparing buyo for chewing. Often grown in clumps of three to four. Particularly vulnerable to spider mites. Very rarely flowers and produces the iconic fruit when grown indoors.
TOXICITY	Non-toxic and safe.