

Plant Name: Cordyline australis
Common Name: Cabbage Tree

Plant Type: Succulent
Colour: Cream and White

Flowering Time: Flowers from May to Sep



Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)

New Zealand, Australia. Height up to 25 ft, spread 6-10 ft.
Can be kept to a height of 2-3 ft as a pot plant. Slow growing.
The erect stem branches after flowering.

Pests Can get scale insects and glasshouse red spider mite under glass.

Diseases Generally disease free.

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Ultimate Height: 8m
Ultimate Spread: 4m
Time to ultimate height: 20-50 year(s)

Preferred common name: cabbage tree
Other common names: cabbage palm , New Zealand cabbage palm , New Zealand dragon plant , palm lily
Cordyline are palm-like evergreen shrubs or tree-like perennials, with rosettes or tufts of linear or narrowly lance-shaped, leathery leaves, and terminal panicles of fragrant, cup-shaped flowers followed by small, spherical berries.

C. australis is a small evergreen tree with several stout branches arising from a single trunk. Leaves long, sword-shaped, in dense clusters at the branch tips. Large panicles of small, fragrant cream flowers.

Pruning Not usually pruned.

Soil Acid, Alkaline or Neutral. Moist but well-drained or well-drained. Chalk, Clay, Loam or Sand.
Aspect West or South facing. Sheltered.
Propagation Propagate by seed or suckers.

Flowers: Cream and White in Summer.
Foliage: Pale Green.
Fruits: Blue/Glaucous and White in Autumn.
Evergreen/Deciduous: Evergreen.
Fragrance: Flower.

Suggested Plant Uses: Architectural, Drought Resistant or Low Maintenance.