

**Plant Name: Cordyline australis Purpurea**  
**Common Name: Cabbage Tree**

**Plant Type:** Succulent  
**Colour:** Cream and White  
**Height:** 8m  
**Spread:** 4m

**Flowering Time:** Flowers from May to Sep

**Fragrant:** Yes



**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.

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

**Diseases** Generally disease free.

**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.