

Botanical name

Genus: *Beaucarnea*

Species: *recurvata*

Common Name(s):

Pony tail palm

Latin Family Name:

Asparagaceae

English Family Name:

Agave

The plant

Origin; country or region: The species was native to numerous states of eastern Mexico but It has become popular in Europe and worldwide as an ornamental plant

Growth habit: They grow on rocky soils deficient in nutrients, cliffs and steep mountains

Flower description: Occasional panicles of small white flowers once the plant reaches over 10 years of age

Blooming period/availability: It is an evergreen perennial shrub or tree

Leaf/Foliage Description: The green lineal, slightly rejuvenated and bent leaves are thin, flat or slightly ridged they fall in a cascading form

Usage: Popularly planted as an ornamental garden tree, the plant almost looks like a plume from a water fountain

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Its sleek bulb-like trunk and lush, long curly leaves make it visually stunning

Looks good in garden landscaping or even a single plant in the patio or a sun room- as a statement plant

WEAKNESS:

Regular pruning

Leave damage



A 'ponytail palm' is also known as an 'elephant's foot', a 'ponytail plant' and a 'ponytail palm tree', and despite its common name, it is not technically a species of palm

Care & Handling

Longevity: Hardy plants

Water requirements: Since this plant is a succulent, it grows best in semi-dry conditions. When growing ponytail palm as a houseplant, you should let the soil dry out significantly in between waterings

Light: Houseplants should be placed in a sunny window

Plants like sunny, warm, dry conditions

Grows in full sun or partial shade

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Relatively dry soil

Special care/remarks: Despite its common name, it is not closely related to the true palms (Arecaceae)



Ponytail palms The common characteristics of this plant include a bulbous trunk, which is used to store water, and its long, hair-like leaves that grow from the top of the trunk like a ponytail, giving the plant its renowned name