

Botanical name:
Genus: Rapis
Species: excelsa

Common Name(s):
Bamboo palm, Lady palm

Latin Family Name: Arecaceae
English Family Name: Arum

There are several varieties of the Rapis excelsa available

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to southern China and Taiwan

Growth habit: Grows in dense clumps of slender upright green stems

On the stems are fan-shaped, glossy green fronds that each have between five and eight narrow, lance-shaped segments

Flower description: NA

Blooming period/availability: Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Glossy leaves with a bare petiole terminating in a rounded fan of numerous leaflets

Usage : A shade loving palm!

STRENGTH/OPPORTUNITIES: Is grown in the garden and used indoors in a house or condo and offices around the world

Rapis adapts to a wide range of climates, soils, and environments, making the “Lady Palm” popular for many applications

Common feature in malls and offices

Can fit easily into a corner of a room near a bright window or a shady spot

These palms don't need a lot of pruning

Don't have any serious pest or disease problems

Can be used outdoors as hedges

WEAKNESS :

Slow growing

It is not unusual for the larger sizes to grow in the nursery for years

This is one reason you find Rapis excelsa being more expensive than other ornamental plants and palm trees

Leaf tip can go brown (if too dry or warm)



Another popular species is Rapis humilis

Care & Handling

Longevity: 5 years plus

Water requirements: Lady palms have average water needs and are somewhat tolerant of drought once they're established

Light: Bright or low light

The Rapis palm grows extremely well in low-light areas

Soil/Nutrition requirements: A loamy soil that has excellent drainage is best for lady palms

When grown in containers, a potting mix made especially for palms works well

Special care/remarks: The Rapis is air-purifying, and pet friendly

The lady palm doesn't mind being a bit cramped in its pot

Initially, choose a pot that's slightly larger than the size of the root ball

Make sure it has ample drainage holes

