

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus: Saribus**  
**Species: rotundifolium**

**Common name (s):**  
Fan palm, Hand palm

**Latin Family Name:** Araceae  
**English Family Name:** Arum

**Formally known as** *Livistona rotundifolia*

### The plant

**Origin; country or region:** Native to South East Asia, Africa & Australia.

**Growth habit:** The plant grows forming dense thickets that can crowd out and overshadow native species.

**Flower description:** Flowers are inconspicuous

**Blooming period/availability:** NA

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** Elegant circular fan shaped green leaves

**Usage :** A hardy and reliable plant

**STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

Fairly hardy and are not overly particular about their growing conditions

Suitable as indoor potted palms

Good on seaside space

Good for careening spaces

These plants generally don't have any serious issues with pests or diseases

**WEAKNESS:**

Slow growing palms

Need large space to spread out

Leaves turn brown and drop

The *Livistona* may not be the largest inner palm, but it is the most graceful of all. The large fan-shaped leaves make this plant one of the most elegant of its kind. New leaves are constantly being produced from the heart



Chinese Fan Palm (*Livistona chinensis*)

The star-shaped leaves of *Livistona chinensis* set it apart from other palms that have the more classical feathery frond leaves

### Care & Handling

**Longevity:** 10 years plus

**Water requirements:** Need watering regularly, but do not let the plant sit in water

**Light:** They grow best in full sun to partial shade. Indoors, these palms do best located by a bright window with indirect light

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** It likes copious and regular moisture but not fussy about soil type

**Special care/remarks:** Keep your palm looking tidy, it's a good idea to prune off the dead fronds at the bottom of the crown

They are susceptible to scale insects and spider mites, which can damage the foliage and potentially kill a plant. An insecticidal soap or neem oil spray can be an effective treatment to treat infestations

