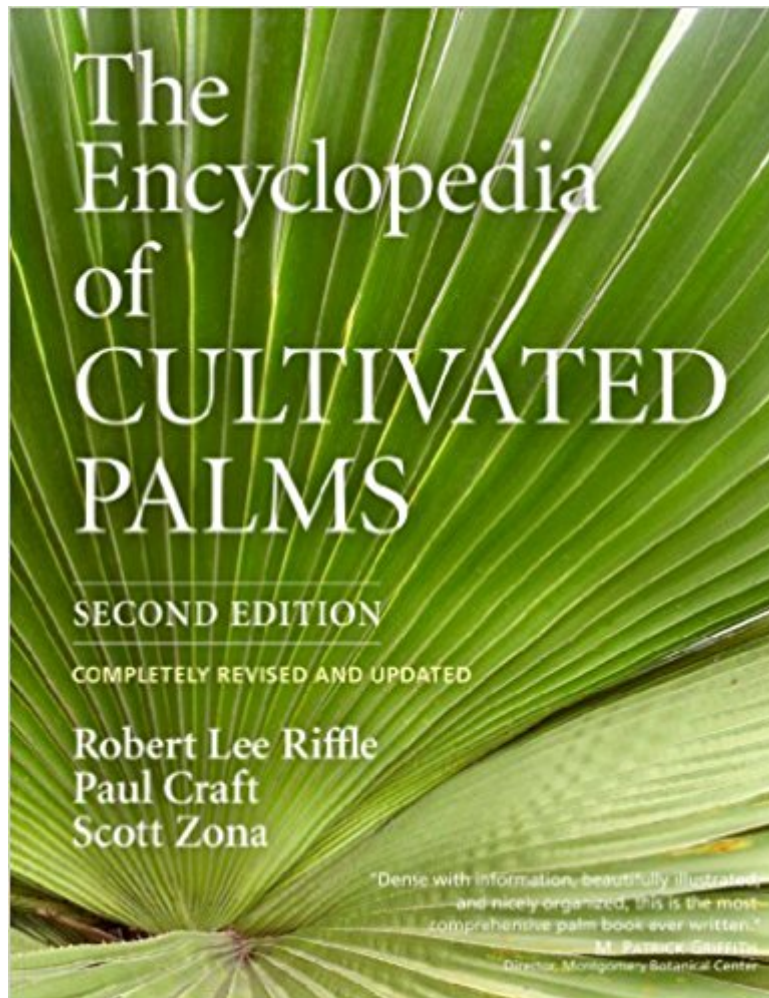




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The Encyclopedia Of Cultivated Palms



Synopsis

The Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms is the definitive account of all palms that can be grown for ornamental and economic use. Palms are often underutilized as a result of their unfamiliarity—even to tropical gardeners. To help introduce these valuable plants to a new audience, the authors have exhaustively documented every genus in the palm family. 825 species are described in detail, including cold hardiness, water needs, height, and any special requirements. Generously illustrated with more than 900 photos, including photos of several palm species that have never before appeared in a general encyclopedia, The Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms is as valuable as an identification guide as it is a practical handbook. Interesting snippets of history, ethnobotany, and biology inform the text and make this a lively catalog of these remarkable plants.

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• Gallery of full-color plates illustrates precise species characteristics, while the book's second half offers descriptive text organized by alphabetized genus and species. • "Library Journal" • Recommended for most large public and academic libraries, especially where there is an interest in horticulture. • "Booklist" • An exciting way for plant lovers entranced by palms to learn about the range of species grown in gardens. • "The Sarasota Herald-Tribune"

This is a definitive account of palms that may be grown in the garden and landscape. Because palms are often underutilized as a result of their unfamiliarity—even to tropical gardeners—Robert Lee Riffle and Paul Craft have exhaustively documented every genus in the palm family. Approximately

890 species are described in detail, including cold hardiness, water needs, height, and any special requirements. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

For someone who is really into palm trees cultivation or for those interested in the Arecaceae family biology and diversity this book is obliged guide and reference, a great illustrated book written plain and simple to help the gardener and satisfy the needs of professionals and hobbyist

Comprehensive. Helpful guide.

Great book with lots of descriptions and pictures. If I was going to quibble, I would want a bit more about cultivation and cold hardiness, however, that was not the purpose of the book. This one is very thorough and I liked the habitat descriptions. No serious palm enthusiast should be without this book.

A long-awaited release for the first edition. It has been vastly expanded to include more species, more photos and more information. I have been fascinated by palms and its diversity as I have traveled through many countries. This book will accompany me in all my future travels. I recommend this book to anyone interested in palms of the world. At the low prices, this book is a bargain and an excellent addition to my book collection.

As a palm nut and owner of the first edition the 2nd edition has completely satisfied my needs for a complete field guide to palms. It goes to every botanical garden I go to and provides excellent reference to any palm I come across. Excellent photos with vivid shots for identification b/t specific characteristics of palms. I will most likely wear this book out soon and not worried b/c has the best price around for it. Thanks. Nathan

I have used this to identify many of my 30 different palm species. There are also websites that can do this, but the pictures and descriptions are very good.

Excellent coverage of palms for gardeners and horticulturists. Filled with clear photos and accompanying descriptions, plus useful information on palm structure, habitats, landscape usage and seed germination.

An Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms is one book that everyone should have who is involved in Tropical and Sub-Tropical Gardening. With the 900+ photos and Descriptions plus Seed Germination Notes, Landscape Lists (Climbing Palms, Large/Small Species, Salt Tolerant Species, Drought/Water loving Species, etc.). This book should be in every Reference Library! No book is 100% complete but this one comes in close!

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