

Borassus flabellifer

Botanical Name: *Borassus flabellifer*

Common Name: Palmyra palm

Morphological Characters:

Borassus flabellifer is a robust tree and can reach a height of 30 metres (98 ft). The trunk is grey, robust and ringed with leaf scars; old leaves remain attached to the trunk for several years before falling cleanly. The leaves are fan-shaped and 3 m (9.8 ft) long, with robust black teeth on the petiole margins.



Like all *Borassus* species, *B. flabellifer* is dioecious with male and female flowers on separate plants. The male flowers are less than 1 cm long and form semi-circular clusters, which are hidden beneath scale-like bracts within the catkin-like inflorescences. In contrast, the female flowers are golfball-sized and solitary, sitting upon the surface of the inflorescence axis.

Growing Season and Type:

1. *Borassus flabellifer* has a growth pattern, very large size, and clean habits that make it an attractive ornamental tree,
2. It prefers hot, sunny, well drained position.
3. It is very Drought tolerant but is cold sensitive.
4. In regions where dry season extends upto six months, it is deciduous.



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1) Flower image of *borassus flabellifer*

2) Leaf image of *borassus flabellifer*

3) Tree image of *borassus flabellifer*

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