

SOUTH COAST PLAZA PALM COLLECTION

Self-Guided Tour





WELCOME

to South Coast Plaza's Palm Collection.

We hope this guide will help you enjoy a tour of our diverse palm collection, unique in Southern California. The core of our collection comes from the estate of Dr. A.J. Vance. Dr. Vance began collecting exotic palms in the late 1940s at his canyon estate located off Sunset Boulevard. The collection was recognized for both its size and diversity of plantings.

After Dr. Vance's death in the early 1980s, the collection was acquired by South Coast Plaza and transplanted to its present location in 1986.

With the help of Ralph Velez and the International Palm Society, South Coast Plaza continues to add unique specimens to its collection. We would like to thank Ralph Velez (past president) and Larry Black, president of Southern California Palm Society for their continued collaboration in helping develop one of the most acclaimed palm collections in Southern California.

All palms are labeled with their common name, botanical name and most have country of origin.

We hope you enjoy this interesting and educational tour.

[* Please click here for details on our seven unique palms.](#)

CHARACTERISTICS OF PALMS IN THE SOUTH COAST PLAZA BEAR STREET PALM COLLECTION

CLUSTERING PALMS

Areca Palm (9, 12, 17, 22 – Madagascar)
Slender Lady Palm (18 – Southern China)
Clumping Fishtail (80 – Philippines)
Pacaya Palm (73 – Guatemala)

SOLITARY PALMS

Kentia Palm (1, 15, 40, 42, 45 – Lord Howe Island)
Cuban Royal Palm (5, 7, 10, 48 – Caribbean, Cent. Amer.)
King Palm (39, 62, 72, 83, 86 – Australia)
Solitary Fishtail Palm (77 – Myanmar)
Chilean Wine Palm (50 – Chile)
Cliff Date Palm (61 – India)
Alexandre Palm (25 – Australia)
Pacaya Palm (73 – Guatemala)
Needle Palm (24 – Southeastern US)
Mexican Fan Palm (71, 74 – Mexico)
Norfolk Island Palm (6 – Norfolk Island)
Silver Rootspine Palm (14 – Cent. Amer.)
Majesty Palm (38 – Madagascar)

PALMS WITH IRRITATING FRUIT

Pacaya Palm (73 – Guatemala)
Caryota Species (26, 76 – Thailand, Laos, India)

PALMS THAT GROW WELL IN PARTIAL SHADE

Queen Palm (44, 66 – Brazil)
Kentia Palm (1, 15, 40, 42, 45 – Lord Howe Island)
Alexandre Palm (25 – Australia)
Pacaya Palm (73 – Guatemala)
Slender Lady Palm (18 – Southern China)
Maya Palm (43 – Cent. Amer.)
Chamaedorea Series (19, 46, 82 – Hybrid)
Weeping Cabbage Palm (87 – Australia)
Majesty Palm (38 – Madagascar)

PALMS GENERALLY 20' TALL OR LESS

Clumping Fishtail (80 – Philippines)
Pacaya Palm (73 – Guatemala)
Slender Lady Palm (18 – Southern China)

PALMS WITH SPINES OR TEETH

Coyure Palm (36 – Andes Mountains)
Senegal Date Palm (57, 64 – Africa)
Bismarck Palm (29 – Madagascar)
Blue Hesper Palm (78 – Baja California, Mexico)
Dwarf Date Palm (49 – Laos)
Cliff Date Palm (61 – India)
Guadalupe Palm (81 – Mexico)
Mexican Fan Palm (71, 74 – Mexico)
Needle Palm (24 – Southeastern US)

HIGHLY DROUGHT-TOLERANT PALMS

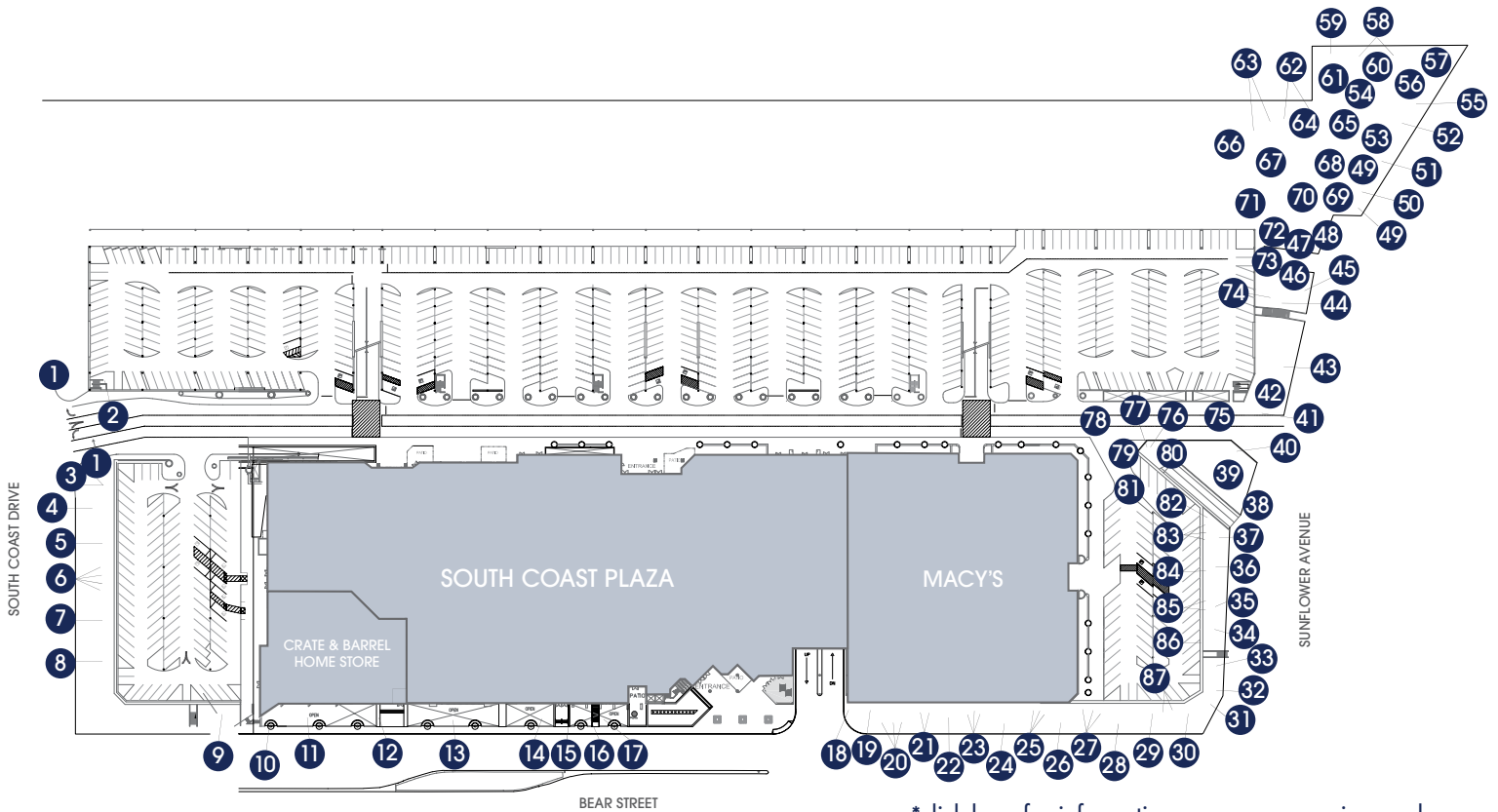
Chinese Fountain Palm (16, 28, 63 – Southern China)
Senegal Date Palm (57, 64 – Africa)
Cliff Date Palm (61 – India)
Arikury Palm (65 – Brazil)
Mexican Fan Palm (71, 74 – Mexico)
Needle Palm (24 – Southeastern US)
Blue Hesper Palm (78 – Baja California, Mexico)

FAST-GROWING PALMS

Queen Palm (44, 66 – Brazil)
Cuban Royal Palm (5, 7, 10, 48 – Cuba)
Solitary Fishtail Palm (77 – Myanmar)
Giant Fishtail Palm (26, 76 – Thailand, Laos, India)
Weeping Cabbage Palm (87 – Australia)
Majesty Palm (38 – Madagascar)

PALMS THAT GROW IN LOW LIGHT

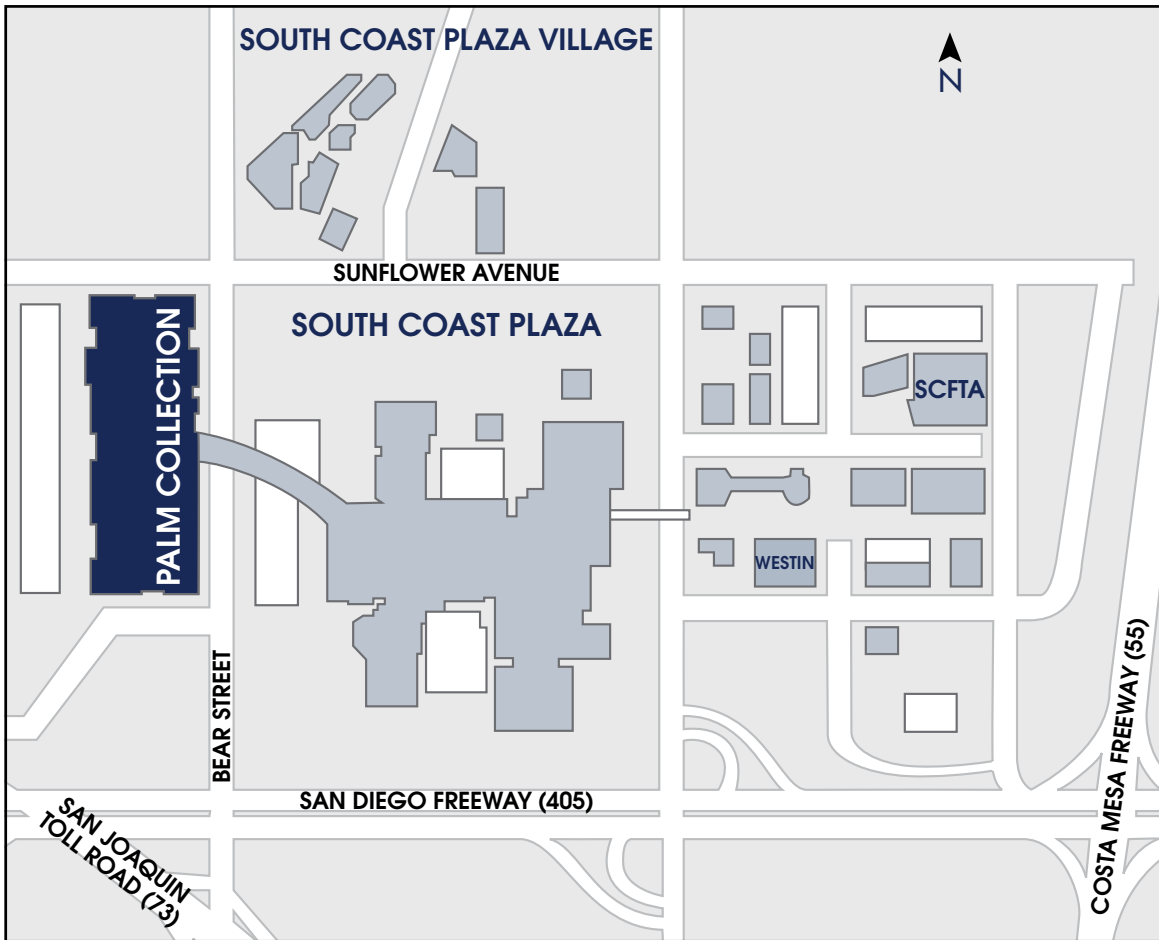
Pacaya Palm (73 – Guatemala)
Slender Lady Palm (18 – Southern China)



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#	Common Name Botanical Name	Region of Origin	#	Common Name Botanical Name	Region of Origin
1	Kentia Palm <i>Howea forsteriana</i>	Lord Howe Island	16	Chinese Fountain Palm <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Southern China
2	Chinese Windmill Palm <i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	China	17	Areca Palm <i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	Madagascar
3	Hispaniola Palm <i>Sabal domingensis</i>	Hispaniola	18	Slender Lady Palm <i>Rhapis Humilis</i>	Southern China
4	Lala Palm <i>Hyphaene coriacea</i>	South Central Africa	19	Chamaedorea x 'Irving Cantor'	Hybrid
5	Cuban Royal Palm <i>Roystonea regia</i>	Caribb., Cent. Amer.	20	Chinese Windmill Palm <i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	China
6	Norfolk Island Palm <i>Rhopalostylis baueri</i>	Norfolk Island	21	Pygmy Date Palm <i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	Laos
7	Cuban Royal Palm <i>Roystonea regia</i>	Caribb., Cent. Amer.	22	Areca Palm <i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	Madagascar
8	Maya Palm <i>Gaussia maya</i>	Guatemala	23	Teddy Bear Palm <i>Dypsis leptocheilos</i>	Madagascar
9	Areca Palm <i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	Madagascar	24	Needle Palm <i>Rhapidophyllum hystrix</i>	Southeastern US
10	Cuban Royal Palm* <i>Roystonea regia</i>	Cuba	25	Alexandra Palm <i>Archontophoenix alexandrae</i>	Australia
11	Mediterranean Fan Palm <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean	26	Giant Fishtail Palm <i>Caryota gigas</i>	Thailand, Laos, India
12	Areca Palm <i>Dypsis lutescens</i>	Madagascar	27	Loulu Palm* <i>Pritchardia hillebrandii</i>	Hawaii
13	Lady Palm* <i>Rhapis excelsa</i>	China, Japan	28	Chinese Fountain Palm <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Southern China
14	Silver Rootspine Palm <i>Cryosophila warscewiczii</i>	Cent. Amer.	29	Bismarck Palm <i>Bismarckia nobilis</i>	Madagascar
15	Kentia Palm <i>Howea forsteriana</i>	Lord Howe Island	30	Silver Thatch Palm <i>Coccothrinax barbadensis</i>	Puerto Rico

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31	Old Man Palm <i>Coccothrinax crinita</i>	Cuba	60	Mediterranean Fan Palm <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean
32	Guano Palm <i>Coccothrinax fragrans</i>	Cuba, Hispaniola	61	Cliff Date Palm <i>Phoenix rupicola</i>	India
33	Mountain Coconut <i>Parajubaea cocoides</i>	Ecuador, Bolivia	62	King Palm <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Australia
34	Yellow Lantan Palm <i>Latania verschaffeltii</i>	Rodrigues Islands	63	Chinese Fountain Palm <i>Livistona chinensis</i>	Southern China
35	Taraw Palm <i>Livistona saribus</i>	Southeast Asia	64	Senegal Date Palm <i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	Africa
36	Coyure Palm* <i>Aiphanes horrida</i>	Andes Mountains	65	Arikury Palm <i>Syagrus schizophylla</i>	Brazil
37	Dwarf Sugar Palm <i>Arenga engleri</i>	Taiwan	66	Queen Palm <i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	Brazil
38	Majesty Palm <i>Ravenea rivularis</i>	Madagascar	67	Hesper Palm <i>Brahea brandegeei</i>	Baja California, Mexico
39	King Palm <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Australia	68	Lady Palm <i>Rhapis excelsa</i>	China, Japan
40	Kentia Palm* <i>Howea forsteriana</i>	Lord Howe Island	69	Caranday Palm <i>Trithrinax campestris</i>	Argentina, Uruguay
41	Sentry Palm <i>Howea belmoreana</i>	Lord Howe Island	70	Mediterranean Fan Palm <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean
42	Kentia Palm <i>Howea forsteriana</i>	Lord Howe Island	71	Mexican Fan Palm <i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Mexico
43	Maya Palm <i>Chamaedorea oblongata</i>	Cent. Amer.	72	King Palm <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Australia
44	Queen Palm <i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	Brazil	73	Pacaya Palm <i>Chamaedorea tepejilote</i>	Guatemala
45	Kentia Palm <i>Howea forsteriana</i>	Lord Howe Island	74	Mexican Fan Palm <i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Mexico
46	Chamaedorea x 'Irving Cantor'	Hybrid	75	Chinese Windmill Palm <i>Trachycarpus fortunei</i>	China
47	Lady Palm <i>Rhapis excelsa</i>	China, Japan	76	Giant Fishtail Palm <i>Caryota gigas</i>	Thailand
48	Cuban Royal Palm <i>Roystonea regia</i>	Cuba	77	Solitary Fish Tail Palm <i>Caryota maxima</i>	Myanmar
49	Dwarf Date Palm <i>Phoenix roebelenii</i>	Laos	78	Blue Hesper Palm* <i>Brahea armata</i>	Baja California, Mexico
50	Chilean Wine Palm* <i>Jubaea chilensis</i>	Chile	79	Sonoran Palmetto <i>Sabal uresana</i>	Northwestern Mexico
51	Spiny Fiber Palm <i>Thrinax ancanthocoma</i>	Brazil	80	Clumping Fishtail Palm <i>Caryota mitis</i>	Philippines
52	Buri Palm <i>Allagoptera caudescens</i>	Brazil	81	Guadalupe Palm <i>Brahea edulis</i>	Mexico
53	Senegal Date Palm <i>Phoenix reclinata hybrid</i>	Hybrid	82	Chamaedorea x 'Irving Cantor'	Hybrid
54	Pindo Palm <i>Butia odorata</i>	South America	83	King Palm <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Australia
55	Mediterranean Fan Palm <i>Chamaerops humilis</i>	Mediterranean	84	Hat Palm <i>Sabal causiarum</i>	Puerto Rico
56	White Rock Palm <i>Brahea calcarea</i>	Mexico, Guatemala	85	Hispaniola Palm <i>Sabal domingensis</i>	Hispaniola
57	Senegal Date Palm <i>Phoenix reclinata</i>	Africa	86	King Palm <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	Australia
58	Syagrus Species	South America	87	Weeping Cabbage Palm <i>Livistona decora</i>	Australia
59	X Jubautia splendens	Hybrid			



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