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Nolina recurvata

[Synonyms : *Beaucarnea recurvata*, *Dasyilirion recurvatum*, *Nolina tuberculata*]

PONYTAIL PALM is an evergreen palm-like perennial. Native to south-eastern Mexico it has tiny, mauve-flushed, creamy-white flowers.

It is also known as *Beaucarnea recourbée* (French), *Bocarnea* (Portuguese), Bottle palm, Elephant foot palm, Elephant's foot tree, *Fiberlilja* (Swedish), *Flasklilja* (Swedish), *Keulenbaum* (German), *Knollenbaum* (German), *Kølletræ* (Danish), *Lis du Mexique* (French), *Nolina* (English, German, Portuguese), *Nolina recourbée* (French), Pony tail, and *Pullojukka* (Finnish).

Apparently ponytail palm can store up to a year's supply of water.

Recurvata is derived from Latin *recurvo* (to bend backwards, curve backwards) meaning 'curved backwards'.

The sword-shaped, fibrous leaves have been used locally for thatching and for making mats, baskets, hats and brooms.

This palm-like evergreen is often cultivated as an ornamental plant both in- and outdoors.