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*Ptychosperma elegans*

[Synonyms : *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, *Seaforthia elegans*]

**QUEENSLAND PALM** is a palm. Native to north-eastern Australia it is crowned with long fronds and has small, fragrant greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as Alexander palm, *Archontophoenix-Palma* (German), Bangalow palm, Elegant palm, *Herrscher-Palma* (German), *Palmeira Elegante* (Portuguese), *Palmier élégant* (French), Piccabeen palm, Seaforthia palm, and Solitaire palm.

In Florida in the United States this introduced species has been declared an invasive plant. *Elegans* means 'elegant'.

Local Australian Aboriginal tribes enjoyed eating the palm heart – a delicacy harvested from many palms in many countries which kills the palm when it is removed.

Queensland palm is cultivated both outdoors and indoors as an ornamental plant. Authorities have noted its popularity in Indian gardens especially in Calcutta.

According to specialists on south-eastern Asia, Queensland palm is viewed primarily as an ornamental plant in that region.