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Roystonea regia

[Synonyms : *Euterpe acuminata*, *Euterpe jenmanii*, *Euterpe ventricosa*, *Oenocarpus regius*, *Oreodoxa regia*, *Palma elata*, *Roystonea elata*, *Roystonea floridana*, *Roystonea jenmanii*, *Roystonea regia* var. *hondurensis*, *Roystonea ventricosa*]

ROYAL PALM is an evergreen palm. Native to Cuba it has many small white flowers with prominent violet stamens.

It is also known as *Arec oléifère* (French), Bottle palm, *Chaguaramo* (Venezuelan), Cuban royal palm, Florida royal palm, *Koningspalm* (Surinamese), *Kubanische Königspalme* (German), Mountain cabbage, Mountain glory, *Palma de monte* (Cuban), *Palma real* (Cuban), *Palma real cubana* (Cuban), *Palmera real* (Canary Island), *Palmier royal* (Creole), *Palmiet* (Surinamese), *Palmiste* (Haitian), and Puerto Rico royal palm.

Royal palm is a protected species in some countries

Regia is Latin (royal, regal) meaning ‘royal or princely’.

Avenues of royal palms planted in front of government or other important buildings can offer an impressive sight.

The trunk and stems are used locally for wharf piling and general construction-work.

In Cuba where the fruit are fed to pigs, the palm is a national emblem.

Locally the young buds are eaten as a vegetable and the fruit are consumed raw.