

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Chrysalidocarpus lutescens
Family	Arecaceae
Origin	Eastern Madagascar
Delivery size	Height variants 80–170 cm · pot size according to offer
Growth and distinctive feature	Clump-forming, multi-stemmed palm with arching pinnate fronds

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Position	Keep bright with indirect light, warm and protected from cold draughts.	A dark corner is insufficient even for a shade-tolerant palm.
Water	Keep slightly moist, allowing the surface to dry briefly.	Reach the root ball evenly and remove excess water.
Compost	Use a humus-rich, well-drained, structurally stable mix.	Dense root balls also need air.
Feeding	During growth, feed regularly at a weak dose according to product instructions.	Do not overfeed in response to brown tips.
Room climate	About 18–25 °C; keep away from strongly drying radiators.	Combine higher humidity with gentle air exchange.
Winter	Reassess water needs and usually reduce watering.	Less light slows consumption.
Pruning	Remove only fully dead fronds.	Leave growing points and young spears undamaged.
Monitoring	Check undersides and stalk bases for pests.	Spot fine webbing and sticky areas early.

Knowledge that grows

A palm with several familiar names

The shop calls this palm *Dypsis lutescens*. Kew lists *Chrysalidocarpus lutescens* as the accepted name; both names refer to the same species here. Areca palm is also a widespread trade name. The plant comes from Madagascar and forms numerous slender stems with yellow-green areas. Its leaflets sit along a curved central axis. This pinnate form clearly distinguishes it from fan palms, whose leaf segments radiate out from a shared area.

Planning height and width before buying

The selected offer provides several heights from 80–100 to 150–170 cm. Our scene shows an example of the large variant. The original photo places comparison sizes side by side; the order includes the selected variant. Fronds extend considerably beyond the pot and should not crowd a seating area. A quiet wall can emphasise their fine pattern. A uniform pot diameter is not established in the combined offer and is therefore not stated as a fixed size for all variants.

Combining light and room climate appropriately

Bright indirect light encourages even development. A somewhat shadier position can work, but very dark corners are unsuitable. Avoid hot direct sun initially and make position changes gradually. The shop's approximately 18–25 °C recommendation suits a warm room. Air often becomes very dry directly beside a radiator. Higher humidity may help but must accompany fresh air without a cold draught. Constantly wetting the fronds does not replace a good room climate.

Slightly moist yet well aerated

Let the surface dry a little and check moisture below. During growth, the root ball should receive an even supply without standing in water. Water slowly so the centre of the dense root ball is reached, and remove excess. Less may be needed in winter. Large, multi-stemmed plants can look thirsty even when their pot interiors remain wet; size alone therefore does not decide the next application. Checking is more important than a fixed calendar.

Preserving palm hearts and healthy fronds

Each stem has a sensitive growing point. Do not pull open or shorten new spears and still-folded fronds. Remove fully dead foliage carefully but retain healthy green fronds. When clearly well rooted, move to a suitable next pot size with little root disturbance. A well-drained, humus-rich mix is useful. During growth, feed regularly at a weak dose according to product instructions. Ever-larger doses of fertiliser cannot turn brown tips green again.

Looking closely at fine leaves regularly

Spider mites, scale insects or other sap-sucking pests may be noticed late in dense foliage. Check leaf undersides and stalk bases, particularly during the heating season. Brown tips may relate to dry air, inappropriate watering or root problems. Yellowish stalks are partly a natural feature and should be assessed differently from a softening trunk. The palm enriches the room visually; no specific health effects or replacement for regular ventilation are promised.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Original shop photo comparing several sizes. Delivery of the selected variant, not a set.

Good to know

Are *Dypsis* and *Chrysalidocarpus* two different palms?

In this case, they are two botanical names for the same species; Kew lists *Chrysalidocarpus lutescens* as accepted.

Why are some stalks yellowish?

Yellow-green stalks belong to the species. Soft tissue or progressive damage, however, require closer investigation.

Can I pull new fronds apart?

No, they unfold by themselves. The sensitive palm heart must not be injured.

Which size does the scene show?

A large example plant from the 150–170 cm height variant. The desired variant is chosen in the shop.

The matching offer

[Plant in the shop](#)

The linked shop is in German. Product details, availability and delivery information are provided in that shop.

[Read the complete portrait in English](#)



English portrait



Shop offer (in German)