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Alexander Palm

Botanical Name: *Ptychosperma elegans*

Comments: Lovely smaller scale palm, eventually growing to 20'. Sun to part shade; self-cleaning. Works in smaller spaces because of smaller head.

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Areca Palm

Botanical Name: *Dypsis lutescens*

Comments: Clustering palm, meaning many trunks spring up from same base. Grows 15'-20'; often used as a privacy screen.

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Dwarf Sugar Palm

Botanical Name: *Arenga engleri*

Comments: Short, wide-growing multi-trunk palm. Slow growing to about 8'. Dense palm; can be used for screening.

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Bamboo Palm or Parlor Palm

Botanical Name: *Chamaedorea elegans*

Comments: Slow growing, airy looking palm for shade. Great container plants.

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Bismarck Palm

Botanical Name: *Bismarckia nobilis*

Comments: Beautiful silver color; needs lots of space. Somewhat susceptible to Palmetto weevil infestation which can be lethal. This palm can overwhelm a home landscape; more often used in common areas. Bismarck palm is planted on either side of the north entrance.

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Cabbage Palm

Botanical Name: Sabal palmetto

Comments: State tree of Florida. Can specify 'crooked or curved', 'slick' or 'booted' in describing the trunk. Widely planted in the Isles.

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Chinese Fan Palm

Botanical Name: *Livistona chinensis*

Comments: Wide spreading crown; eventually growing to 25' in height. Slow growing. Beautiful palm; may be better suited to large landscapes.

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Cat Palm

Botanical Name: *Chamaedorea cataractarum*

Comments: Clustering palm with no trunk. Slow growing to 6-8 feet in sun or shade. Works well in large containers. Needs regular water.

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Christmas Palm

Botanical Name: *Adonidia merrillii*

Comments: Slow growing to 12'-15'; protected location is best; self-cleaning. Beautiful smaller palm. Planted on numerous homeowner properties and as understory palms at the Aviano entrance.

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European Fan Palm

Botanical Name: *Chamaerops humilis*

Comments: Compact, very slow growing to 8'-10'; sun or shade. High drought tolerance; low maintenance. Works in containers as well.

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Foxtail Palm

Botanical Name: *Wodyetia bifurcata*

Comments: Fast growing to 30'; beautiful full, rounded fronds. Low maintenance (self-cleaning). Planted on the north end of Burgos Drive.

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Lady Palm

Botanical Name: *Rhapsis excelsa*

Comments: Relatively small scale palm for shade or part shade; multiple thin trunks. Suitable for containers; Asian look.

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Pygmy Date Palm

Botanical Name: *Phoenix roebelenii*

Comments: Single stem or cluster to 12'; full to part sun. Widely used in the Isles.

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Queen Palm

Botanical Name: *Syagrus romanzoffiana*

Comments: Fast growing to 40'; sun to part sun. Can be susceptible to lethal fungal disease. Widely planted in the Isles.