

Cycas revoluta



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Genus: Cycas
Family: Cycadaceae
Order: Cycadales
Class: Cycadopsida
Phylum: Cycadophyta

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Toxic if ingested; contains cycasin, which can cause liver damage and other health issues.

Invasiveness: Non-invasive; typically grown as an ornamental plant.

Plant Type: Cycad (a type of ancient, palm-like plant)

Lifespan: Can live for over 100 years under the right conditions.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: Typically 1.2 to 2.4 meters, but can occasionally grow taller.

Spread: Can spread up to 1.2 meters in diameter.

Leaf Color: Dark green, glossy.

Bloom Time: Produces cones rather than flowers; cones appear in late spring to summer.

Distribution:

Origin: Native to Japan and Taiwan.

Habitat: Found in subtropical and tropical regions.

Care:

Difficulty: Moderate; requires specific care to thrive.

Toughness: Quite tough and resilient to various conditions, but sensitive to extreme cold.

Maintenance: Low to moderate; requires occasional pruning and attention to its specific needs.

Watering: Water regularly but allow the soil to dry out between waterings. Overwatering can lead to root rot.

Pruning: Remove dead or damaged fronds to maintain appearance and health.

Propagation: Can be propagated from seeds or by offsets (suckers) if available.

Repotting: Repot every 2-3 years or when the plant outgrows its pot.

Conditions:

Temperature: Prefers temperatures between 18°C and 30°C.

It is not frost-tolerant.

Hardiness Zone: USDA Hardiness Zones 8 to 11.

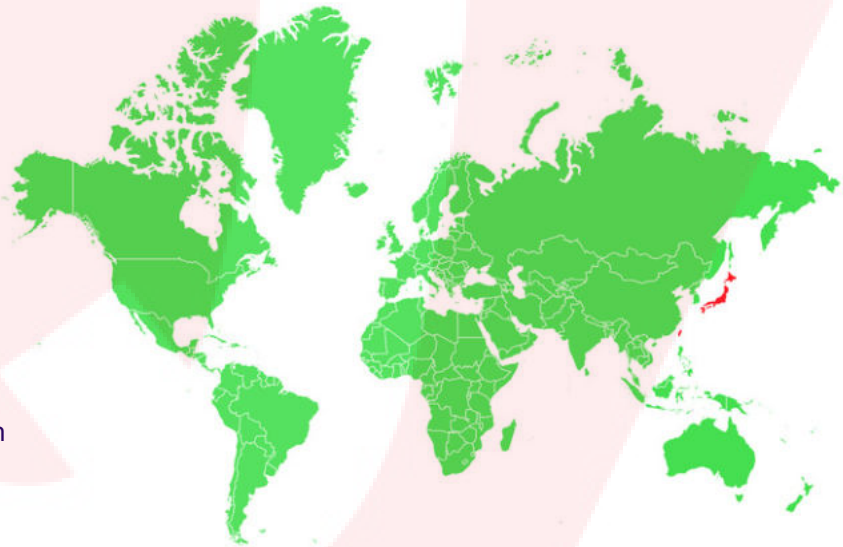
Sun Requirements: Thrives in full sun to partial shade.

Soil Type: Well-draining soil is essential; a mix of sandy soil with organic matter works well.

Use: Ideal for outdoor gardens in suitable climates, but can also be grown indoors in large pots.

Location: Thrives in sheltered locations protected from extreme cold or frost.

Pests and Diseases: Susceptible to pests such as scale insects and spider mites. Watch for signs of fungal infections, especially in overly damp conditions.



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