

# Beaucarnea recurvata



**Genus:** Beaucarnea  
**Family:** Asparagaceae  
**Order:** Asparagales  
**Class:** Liliopsida  
**Phylum:** Angiosperms

## Key Facts:

**Toxicity:** Considered non-toxic to humans and pets.

**Invasiveness:** Not invasive.

**Plant Type:** Succulent, semi-succulent, or xerophytic tree.

**Lifespan:** Can live for several decades to over a century.

## Characteristics:

**Plant Height:** Can reach up to 10 feet indoors, but much taller when grown outdoors.

**Spread:** Can spread up to 5 feet.

**Leaf Type:** Long, narrow, strap-like leaves that cascade from the top of the plant, resembling a ponytail, giving it the common name "Ponytail Palm."

**Bloom Time:** Rarely blooms indoors, but outdoor specimens may produce creamy white flowers on a long stalk.

**Flower Size:** inconspicuous.

**Flower Color:** Creamy white.

## Distribution:

**Origin:** Native to dry regions of southeastern Mexico.

**Habitat:** Found in arid regions, rocky slopes, and dry forests.

## Care:

**Difficulty:** Generally easy to care for.

**Toughness:** Resilient once established.

**Maintenance:** Low.

**Watering:** Drought-tolerant; allow the soil to dry out between waterings. Overwatering can lead to root rot.

**Pruning:** Trim off dead or damaged leaves as needed.

**Propagation:** Can be propagated from seeds or offsets (pups) that form at the base of the plant.

**Repotting:** Repot every 2-3 years in well-draining soil.

## Conditions:

**Temperature:** Prefers temperatures between 18°C to 27°C. Can tolerate temperatures as low as 50°F (10°C) briefly.

**Hardiness Zone:** Typically grown indoors, but can be grown outdoors in USDA hardiness zones 10-12.

**Sun Requirements:** Prefers bright, indirect light. Can tolerate some direct sunlight, especially in the morning or late afternoon.

**Soil Type:** Well-draining soil mix, such as cactus or succulent potting mix.

**Use:** Ornamental plant for indoor decoration, container planting, xeriscaping, and rock gardens.

**Location:** Ideal for indoor spaces, patios, drought-tolerant gardens, and desert landscapes.

