

Native to Mexico, the Ponytail Palm's fountain of hair-like leaves and textured, distinctive trunk, with its large swollen base, make it a star attraction in any houseplant display. Although not officially a palm (it is a relative of the yucca), its similar features mean that it is often grouped with them.

The swollen caudex (stem) is the trait of this plant is usually noticed first. The appearance of the caudex is rough and cracked and because of the shape with these traits, may suggest an elephant's foot, thus another common name of this plant, Elephant's Foot. The medium green-colored fountain of strappy leaves emerging from the top of the stem give it the ponytail name. The palm part is a mystery because in no way does this resemble a palm nor is it related to them.



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Beaucarnea recurvate

PONYTAIL PALM



Light

Put this plant in as much light as you can. A south or west window is best.

High/Bright indirect

Watering

In Summer, water once a week, allowing the top 2" of the potting soil to dry out between waterings. Its bulbous stem stores water and will keep it alive if you forget occasionally. In Winter, the potting soil should be almost dry. If you're in doubt, don't add water.

Feeding

Apply a balanced liquid fertilizer (Espoma® Cactus Succulent Plant Food) once a month in Spring and Summer.

Planting & Care

Grow your plant with Black Gold® Cactus Mix soil or well draining soil. Replenish the top layer of potting soil every Spring, and repot this slow-growing plant every 2-3 years in a container just one size larger.

Size

Mature size can get between 6'-10' high and 3' wide but only after many years. It prefers to be in a snug pot and you will often find them in a pot just a little large than the swollen caudex.

Flower

With enough sun, these plants do produce a large panicle of creamy white flowers but most likely this will not occur in the home environment.

Temperature

50-79°F

Humidity

Low

Care

Easy