

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Trunk with fruit. Photographer Wendy Feltham, Lord Howe Island



Palms with fruit. Photographer Wendy Feltham, Lord Howe Island



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Common name

kentia palm, thatch palm

Family

Arecaceae

Where found

Coastal north of Wollongong. Widely cultivated, occasionally **naturalised**. Native of Lord Howe Island.

Notes

Introduced slender palm tree to 20 m tall. Fruit fleshy. Leaves clustered at the top of the trunk, 300-500 cm long, **compound**, horizontal to drooping, basal **sheaths** fibrous. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers with 3 **petals** and 3 **sepals**, in groups of 3, with 2 male flowers with 1 female flower between, in 3-8 drooping **spikes** each 70-130 cm long. Fruit bright or dull red, oval, 3-5 cm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Howea~forsteriana> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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