

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Darlington Point



Tree. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Culcairn



Seedling. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Narrandera

Common name

Canary Island date palm

Family

Areaceae

Where found

Naturalised amongst cultivated plants in parks and roadside plantings, often invading neighbouring disturbed natural vegetation. along streams. Sydney area south to Shellharbour. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced tree to 20 m high. Basal **pinnae** short, thick and extremely sharp-pointed. Fleshy layer of the fruit rather thin. Trunk with leaf scars. Leaves clustered at the top of the trunk, to about 600 cm long, 500 mm wide, **compound**, with about 160-200 leaflets, each to about 40 cm long, 30 mm wide (when flattened), pinnae stiff, deeply channelled. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Flowers yellowish, with 6 '**petals**' each about 4–5 mm long. Flowers in branched clusters to about 80 cm long or more. Fruit yellow to reddish, 15-23 mm long.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Phoenix~canariensis> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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