

Adonidia merrillii

Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae
Order : Arecales
Family : Arecaceae
Genus : *Adonidia*
Species : *A. merrillii*



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DESCRIPTION:

Adonidia merrillii, the **Manila palm**, is a palm tree species native to the Philippines (Palawan and Danjungan Island), and Malaysia (Sabah). This palm was cultivated for centuries in East Asia before becoming a staple in the West. It is reportedly naturalized in the West Indies and Florida. It is commonly known as the "Christmas palm" because its fruits become bright scarlet and tend to be that color in winter. This palm is typically fairly small and slender, normally attaining 15–25 feet in height but has attained 36 feet grown in greenhouse conditions. Most plants maintain 5-7 fronds when young, gradually building up the crown as the palm ages, and sometimes reaches 10-12 fronds when mature.

MEDICINAL USES:

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