

## *Dypsis lutescens*

### Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae  
Clade : Angiosperms  
Clade : Monocots  
Order : Arecales  
Family : Arecaceae  
Genus : *Dypsis*  
Species : *D. lutescens*



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### DESCRIPTION:

*Dypsis lutescens* grows 6–12 m (20–39 ft) in height. Multiple stems emerge from the base. The fronds are arched, 2–3 m (6 ft 7 in–9 ft 10 in) long, and pinnate, with 40-60 pairs of leaflets. It bears panicles of yellow flowers in summer. Offsets can be cut off when mature enough, as a propagation method.

It is grown as an ornamental plant in gardens in tropical and subtropical regions, and elsewhere indoors as a houseplant. It has gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit. One of several common names, "butterfly palm", refers to the leaves which curve upwards in multiple stems to create a butterfly look. In its introduced range, this plant acts as a supplier of fruit to some bird species which feed on it opportunistically, such as *Pitangus sulphuratus*, *Coereba flaveola* and *Thraupis sayaca* species in Brazil.

*Dypsis lutescens*, also known as golden cane palm, areca palm, yellow palm, or butterfly palm, is a cause headaches, allergies, hormone imbalances, asthma .