

Phoenix Care Details

The following will be of use to ensure that your palm has the best possible start.

- Take care on opening. The netting is best cut at the base of the container and pulled upwards to remove. Please be very careful though as they have sharp spikes which can stab you!
- Use a slow or controlled release fertiliser when planting to ensure that your plant is correctly fed and will grow at an optimum rate remembering to re-pot as necessary. John Innes or general multi- purpose compost will usually have sufficient food for the first 4-6 weeks, if no food is added.
- If growing in a container, allow the plant to become near rootbound before potting on and only re-pot up to twice the size of the original pot. .
- Phoenix canariensis will live outside all year round in most parts of the UK. If you live somewhere that regularly experiences temperatures below -6°C or if prolonged frost is forecast then it is essential to tie the leaves together to protect the crown and cover with horticultural fleece for winter. Phoenix are hardier than imagined and in a sheltered spot mature plants can withstand temperatures 3 or 4 degrees lower still.



- Phoenix canariensis tied up for the winter.
- They will tolerate full sun or part shade in rich, fairly well drained soil but must be kept very well watered during the growing season as they are very thirsty. This is especially true when kept in pots or for the first year at least after planting. From April until September we usually water Phoenix in pots daily or every other day at the least.
- Phoenix may have some brown/yellow markings on the leaves and this does not indicate a damaged plant. If a leaf becomes tatty, simply prune the stem to the trunk and new leaves will emerge from the crown of the palm. If this spreads during the growing season then it is likely to be under-watering.
- As Phoenix are monocots (single trunked), the trunk will increase in size from the base of the old leaf stems and pruning old leaf stems will keep them looking tidy.
- Please remember to also look at “Is it Hardy” at the top of Plant Care section.

Please have a look at www.easytropicals.com for companion ideas & a general hardiness guide. If you have any questions please email for a prompt reply.

Many thanks for looking.