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Pindo Palm

Butia capitata

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 8, 9 12-24, H1, H2	Full sun or light shade	Sandy soil	Regular watering	Long spikes of flowers are followed by showy cluster of red to yellow edible fruit	10-20 feet tall

The very hardy feather palm Butia capitata can be found in several Scandinavia gardens, because of its light maintenance. The palm appreciates mild winters, but manages low temperatures too (down to -10°C). Established individuals can handle even lower temperatures. But frost over long time, can prove a problem. The southwestern Norway, Denmark and southwestern Sweden are areas that should satisfy the palm's needs for summer-heat. Butia capitata handles areas with high humidity, like Scandinavia, even though it is native to the dry steppes of South-America. It grows willingly in British Columbia and England, which are places known for not having arid conditions. The palm loves sun and light, and should therefore be planted in a sun-exposed place. Many individuals of Butia capitata have withered because of too much shadow. Butia capitata grows best in soil where sand represent the dominating part. Used to make jellies and jams. Fruits seem to be very popular with small mammals. The jelly palm is also frequently grown as an ornamental for its silvery-green fronds.