



Monji Plant Profile

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Queen Palm *Syagrus romanzoffianum* 06-08



<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 12,13, 15-17, 19-24, H1, H2	Full sun	slightly acidic well drained soil	Regular watering	Yellow to orange fruit produced in great quantities	10-15 feet

Queens have a unique appearance with their lacy fronds. They are from Brazil and are rated at about 40 feet. Most we see locally are shorter. Queens are very fussy for their fertilizer. First of all, acid soil is preferred and that's rare in South Florida coastal areas. Next, adding manganese sulfate is needed even when using palm fertilizer (which already has manganese). Most homeowners do not fertilize properly and so we see many Queens with "frizzle top" symptoms. The new fronds progressively weaken, get shorter, yellow and have a frizzy appearance. Often it is too late to feed and restore the palm which likely will die now even with proper food. Otherwise, the Queen is very easy to grow and deserves some planting in palm groupings and as a nice background tree.