

Phoenix roxburghii

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Phoenix roxburghii Latest News

Recently, researchers have identified a new palm species and named it as Phoenix roxburghii.

About Phoenix roxburghii

- It is a **new palm species** named **after William Roxburgh**, considered the father of Indian Botany.

Features of Phoenix roxburghii

- It grows 12 to 16 metres tall.
- Phoenix roxburghii shares morphological **similarities with Phoenix sylvestris**, but differs by its taller solitary trunk, larger leaves and leaflets, musty-scented staminate flowers and larger, obovoid orange-yellow fruits,
- **Distribution:** It is found on India's eastern coast and Bangladesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Pakistan

Key Facts about Palm Tree

- Palm is a **member of the Arecaceae, or Palmae**, a single family of monocotyledonous flowering plants of the order Arecales.
- It is an evergreen plant which can grow in the **form of shrubs, trees, or long, woody vines called lianas**.
- **Distribution:** It is distributed in **America and in Asia, from India to Japan** and south to Australia and the islands of the **Pacific and Indian oceans**, with Africa and Madagascar as a third but much less important palm region.
- The palms with the greatest importance in world commerce are the coconut and the African oil palm (Elaeis guineensis); both are prime sources of vegetable oil and fat.

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