

# Howea forsteriana



**Family Name:** Arecaceae

**Origin:** Australia

**Characteristics:**

**Foliage Colours:** Green

**Flower Colours:** Insignificant

**Flower Fragrant:** No

**Flowering Season:** N/A

**Fruit:** Insignificant

**Requirements:**

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Usage:** Medium / Moderate

**Tolerances:**

**Drought:** Medium / Moderate

**Frost:** Tender

**Wind:** Tender

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**Botanical Name:** Howea forsteriana

**Common Names:** Kentia Palm, Thatch Palm,

**Native:** Yes

**Foliage Type:** Evergreen

**Plant Type:** Indoor Plants, Palms, Ferns & Tropical

**Plant Habit:** Open Canopy, Upright

**Description:**

Very popular choice of palm for both indoors and out to create a tropical style. Low maintenance with a thin, slender trunk and feather-shaped, drooping fronds. Flowers appear in the summer months.

**Mature Height:** 10-25m **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade, Shade

**Mature Width:** 4-10m **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

**Landscape Use(s):** Balcony / Roof, Feature, Indoor Plant, Mass Planting, Shady Garden, Tropical Garden, Container / Pot

**Pest & Diseases:**

Generally trouble free

**Cultural Notes:**

Kentias are very adaptable to a variety of soil conditions, which is one of the reasons why they are easy to maintain. They prefer sandy soils with good drainage so they are good palms to grow if you live in a coastal area. Kentias can grow up to 18m in their natural habitat in Lord Howe Island and will slowly head towards this in your garden.

**Plant Care:**

Annual slow release fertiliser, Mulch well

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