Phoenix roebelenii  

This palm from Vietnam and Laos is also known as Dwarf Date Palm, Miniature Date Palm, or Roe-bel-in Palm; *Phoenix roebelenii* is a popular pot plant for dooryards, patios, and high light interiorscapes, whoever it is insufficiently cold hardy for general landscape use in most of our region; this fine texture small 6’ to 8’ (rarely 10’) tall accent plant can be planted in very protected sites in immediate Gulf Coast landscapes from Corpus Christi south, USDA cold hardiness zones 9b (9a) to 11; unfortunately, *P. roebelenii* is often planted in landscapes or used as a courtyard or entryway container plant in USDA zones 9a and 8b where it invariably is eventually damaged or killed by winter freezes; *Phoenix roebelinii* can be used effectively as a seasonal container plant in colder regions if it is moved indoors during winter.

Plants will grow on most soils as long as they are well drained and of moderate to high fertility; although tolerant of some shade, best growth occurs in sunny sites; although grown as single trunk accents, plants are probably most attractive with multiple individuals in containers, planter boxes or in groves landscape settings.

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