

Fiji Fan Palm

Common name: Fiji Fan Palm

Botanical name: *Pritchardia pacifica*

Family: Arecaceae; **Name in Tamil:** ?



Field Identification: Attractive fan palm, single stemmed, 7-15m tall. Trunk up to 30 cm diameter. Leaves 1.8 m diameter with 1.2 m stalk. Leaves large, round and flat, dull green, closely palmately lobed, divided into 1/3-1/4 by stiffened tipped segments. Fruit 1.1-1.2 cm diameter, turns red then black.

Location on campus: CHTC, Gault Library, Carman Block garden

References: (i) Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pritchardia_pacifica (ii) Flowers of India. www.flowersofindia.net