

Lady palm

Common name: Lady palm, Broadleaf lady palm

Botanical name: *Rhapis excelsa*

Family: Arecaceae

Name in Tamil: ?



Field identification: Multi-stemmed clumps with glossy, palmate leaves divided into broad, ribbed segments. Grows up to 4 m in height and 30 mm in diameter. Leaf-ends are saw-toothed unlike most other palms, occurring on slender petioles (stalk) ranging from 20 to 60 cm in length. New foliage emerges from a fibrous sheath, which remains attached to the base. As the plants age, the sheaths fall, revealing the bamboo-like trunks.

Location on campus: College Canteen; as potted plants in residential gardens

Reference:

1. Wikipedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhapis_excelsa

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