

Dave's Tips

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SUCCESSFUL GROWING ADVICE BY DAVID KIRWAN, PHOENIX FOLIAGE, INC.

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No. 3 'Dioon edule' - Native to Northern Mexico

APPLICATIONS

- In low-maintenance landscapes.
- As a feature plant in a landscape that emulates a tropical or desert setting.
- As a substitute for a true palm with a large crown but without a tall trunk.
- As a spectacular accent in a small, space-limited garden.
- As an understory to a larger tree that allows at least partial sunlight to filter through.

GROWING CONDITIONS

- Thrives in USDA Zones 8-11.
- Will tolerate temperatures into the low 20's or less and even as low as 9°F for up to 4 days.
- Soil - Plant in a well drained soil mix. We, at Phoenix, use 50% fl/a peat and 50% composted pine bark. Will thrive in sandy soil.
- Fertilizer - Incorporate Nutricote slow release fertilizer.
- Water - Water thoroughly the first time to seat the plant, then water sparingly. Do not let the plant sit in

soaking soil or in standing water on the ground.

Note: An established *Dioon edule* is considered drought resistant.

- Light - Grows best in partial shade but can handle full sun without a problem!
- Pests - Spray monthly for insects with vegetable oil as a preventative measure.

Soil incorporated chemical can be used for fire ant control.



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