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CYCAS revoluta

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Cycas revoluta are native to the southern-most Japanese islands, which enjoy a sub-tropical climate with high rainfall and warm temperatures. They are somewhat slow growing, but very long lived, taking at least 50 years to reach full maturity; as they mature, they develop a trunk.

These plants prefer some shade for optimum results and nice, dark foliage, but can easily take full sun, as well. They are generally hardy to Zone 8, but do best with a heavy mulch and being planted in a somewhat protected area, in that zone.

Cycas revoluta do quite well in the landscape in south Florida and the Gulf Coast, as well as being an excellent indoor Foliage plant. They also work great as a Bonsai!

Cycas revoluta can be grown in many pot sizes, from 4" up to at least 25 gallon. They prefer a sandy, fast draining soil with a ph of between 5.5 and 6.5. Since all Cycads have Coralloid roots, containing blue green algae, which fix nitrogen in the soil, it is best to fertilize Cycas with light feedings of time release fertilizer or diluted liquid feed, as these roots can be damaged by "hot", or high nitrogen fertilizers. If granular fertilizers are used, be certain that your feed is not too high in Nitrogen and not urea based. These will take full sun or part shade, but in commercial production, some slight shade, about 30%, or 5,000 foot candles is optimum. Quite the majority of them are grown in full sun, in south Florida, successfully. If grown indoors, by the end consumer, they should have bright light. They are slow growing and only produce flowers every three to four years, so they are great for allergy sufferers and busy households. Cycas revoluta only produce a couple of breaks, or flushes, which are groups of leaves that come from the center of the plant, per year, so they don't need to be repotted very often. The biggest danger is in over watering them. They should be allowed to dry almost completely before watering well.

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