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BOTANICAL NAME

Roystonea regia (Kunth) O. F. Cook

COMMON NAME

Florida Royal Palm, Cuban Royal palm

FAMILY

Arecaceae





DISTRIBUTION

FUN FACT

COMMON USES

Canary Island, northern Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan, India, Mexico, and the U.S. state of California.

It is the national tree of Cuba and has religious value in Christianity thus used in Palm Sunday observances.

- 1. Royal palm tree has wide commercial benefits as its seeds are a rich source of oil and food, wood is used for construction purposes and leaves for thatching.
- 2. Roots have antidiuretic properties thus are added to a Haitian drink named Tifey by Cubans.
- 3. They have medicinal value too, as are used for the treatment of diabetes.
- 4. Fibers that are extracted from the leaf sheath are used in lightweight composite materials.
- 5. It could be a potential replacement of finasteride in the treatment of BPH However, this information must be used only under medical supervision.

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