

## Chamaerops humilis



*Chamaerops humilis* is found in Algeria, Balears, France, Italy, Libya, Morocco, Sardegna, Sicilia, Spain, and Tunisia.

Native to the western Mediterranean region. There are two varieties:

- ***Chamaerops humilis* var. *humilis***. Southwestern Europe, including Portugal, Spain, southernmost France, and western Italy, plus various western Mediterranean islands, always at fairly low altitudes. The northernmost naturally occurring palm in the world, at 43° 07' N at Hyères-les-Palmiers on the south coast of France.
- ***Chamaerops humilis* var. *argentea*** (syn. *Chamaerops humilis* var. *cerifera*). Northwestern Africa, in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco at up to 2,000 m altitude.

It is a small clustering palm, growing to a height of 1-4 metres, rarely to 6 metres. The leaves are palmately compound, 1-1.5 m long, with 10-20 fingered leaflets 50-80 cm long arranged in a fan at the end of the heavily armed 30-70 cm petiole. In *C. humilis* var. *humilis* the leaves are green, while in *C. humilis* var. *argentea* they are strongly glaucous a silvery-blue waxy coating, similar in colour to *Brahea armata* leaves.

**Category:** Palms

**Families:** Arecaceae

**Genus:** Chamaerops

**Species:** humilis subsp. humilis

**Geographical Area of Origin:** Mediterranean Europe / Middle-north africa

**Climatic Zones:** Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a

**Habit:** Multiple stemmed palm

**Leaves:** Palmate leaf

**Colore Foglie:** Verde  Grigio

**Flowering Period:** Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre

**Flower:** Raceme



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**Colore Fiori:** Giallo 

**Favorite soil:** Neutral / Calcareous / Limestone / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

**Water needs:** Low / little water

**Light Exposure:** Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

**Form:** Palm

**Colore Frutti:** Viola 