

Pritchardia hillebrandii

CARE GUIDE

Pritchardia hillebrandii is excellent for landscape design and as an indoor specimen. This slow growing species reaches to about 20 ft. and is a single trunk palm with fan shaped leaves. It's leaves are silvery underneath and the flower stalks produce 1-inch blue to black round fruits.

| Sun | Water | Habitat |
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| Full sun (can tolerate partial sun) | Well drained soil with minimal watering once established. | drought, wind and salt tolerant; native to the island of Moloka'i |



Pritchardia hillebrandii - Loulu

Many loulu species are on the verge of extinction, and cultivating these beautiful fan palms may ensure their survival. *Pritchardia* is the only known palm endemic to Hawai'i and used to cover many of the lowlands of the Hawaiian islands, but later it was cleared for agriculture.

The Hawaiians often grew this useful species around their houses for the leaves and seeds. Leaves were used for roof thatching and weaving material for small baskets, hats and fans. Unripe loulu seeds, called hāwane, taste somewhat like coconut and were eaten.

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Loulu can be planted as close to 10 ft. apart in small palm groves but are best showcased on their own approximately 20 - 40 ft. apart.

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This palm is self-pruning but dead leaves, flowers and fruits can be removed for a cleaner appearance.

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