

Chamaerops humilis

COMMON NAME

European fan palm or Mediterranean dwarf palm

FAMILY

Arecaceae

AUTHORITY

Chamaerops humilis L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A clumping fan palm with trunk to 4 m tall.

DISTRIBUTION

Self-establishing in vicinity of mature, fruiting planted specimens.

SIMILAR TAXA

Trachycarpus spp. *Chamaerops* is closely related to the Asian genus *Trachycarpus*, differing in the spined (not smooth) petioles and the multi-stemmed, clustering habit.

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

First recorded 2018 in NZ

ORIGIN

Mediterranean

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

humilis: Lowest, dwarf, small, slight

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/chamaerops-humilis/>



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Planted palm with petiolar spines and fruit, in garden near Fordell, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 04/03/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.