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Instant ID

- Towering, straight-trunked palm tree that grows between 50-100 feet tall
- Most of the trunk is similar to concrete in color and texture but the top is capped by a shiny, smooth green portion
- The feathery fronds (leaves of the palm) grow up to 13 feet and leaflets (pieces of the frond) grow over three feet long

Native Niches

- Native to South Florida in moist environments like swamps and hammocks
- Has been widely planted in cities and towns throughout South Florida





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Plant Particulars

- The palms growing in Cuba and Florida were once thought to be different species
- This tall tree grows from a seed smaller than 1/2 inch long
- Its seeds were used to feed livestock and said to produce the best pork
- Like other palms and grasses, it is a monocotyledon (a plant typified by flower petals in threes, a single embryonic leaf and parallel leaf veins)

Population Protection

- Although used in landscaping, it is rare in wild habitats
- Florida State Parks contain some of the remaining natural stands