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Plant Feature: Kentia Palm



Bring timeless, effortless tropical presence to any space with the beloved **Kentia Palm**, also known as the **Howea forsteriana**. Known for its flowing, arching fronds and classic silhouette, this palm delivers a refined, resort-like atmosphere while remaining one of the most durable, dependable interior palms available today.

Why you'll love it:

-  **Iconic Shape & Soft, Flowy Elegance:** The Kentia is prized for its **graceful, airy canopy** and natural *V-shaped* profile—perfect for clients who want a fuller, broader top compared to the upright, clustered look of Rhapis. Its long, gently arching fronds create movement and softness in any room, giving interiors a **high-end, tropical feel** without being overwhelming.
-  **Exceptionally Sturdy & Long-Lived Indoors:** A longtime industry favorite, the Kentia Palm is known for its toughness. It performs beautifully in real-world interior conditions and can last *for years* on the job with minimal intervention. These qualities made it a go-to for decades—so much so that when many traditional Kentia growers closed, the market saw a noticeable gap that newer California growers are now helping to fill.
-  **Container-friendly, Installation-Friendly:** Kentias adapt exceptionally well to container life. They maintain their form for years and do not require heavy feeding—thanks to their naturally slow to moderate growth habit.
-  **Great Light Flexibility:** Kentias are incredibly adaptable. They tolerate low light, but will truly **thrive in medium to bright indirect light**—where their canopy fills out faster and their color deepens. They grow slowly (though faster than Rhapis), making them ideal for long-term installations where stability and predictability matter.
-  **Low-Maintenance Watering:** Prefers soil kept **moist but never wet**. Once potted into a larger container, Kentias hold moisture well and don't require frequent watering. This makes them perfect for commercial spaces, residential corners, and designers who want a dependable, **low-fuss palm that stays gorgeous with minimal oversight**.
-  **Rich Color & Lots of Foliage:** Known for its deep green leaves and plush canopy, the Kentia Palm offers a lush, sophisticated look. Whether used as a **corner statement**, a **stand-alone specimen**, **underplanted**, or installed in **mass plantings**, it delivers consistent, timeless beauty.
-  **Size:** We sell Kentias ranging from **4.5 to 10.5 feet tall**, with mature indoor specimens easily reaching **15–16 feet** over time when provided with adequate light and space.

Additional Names: Kentia Palm (*Howea forsteriana*)

Perfect for:

Grand entrances, residential corners, hospitality environments, lobbies, offices, and any project needing a durable, premium-feeling palm with long-term reliability and minimal maintenance.

Additional Information:

Native to Lord Howe Island, the Kentia Palm has a long history as one of the most reliable interior palms worldwide. Its flowing fronds, slow-to-moderate growth rate, and ability to tolerate lower light make it exceptionally well suited for indoor environments. The canopy naturally broadens with age, and its upright trunking habit gives it a clean, sculptural look ideal for modern interiors.

Long prized by designers for its durability, the Kentia also shines in practical use: it doesn't require frequent repotting, tolerates medium humidity levels, and maintains a clean profile with simple removal of aging fronds.

Grower's tip:

- **Never let it sit in water.** Moist soil is good—soggy soil is not.
- Potting into a **slightly bigger container** reduces how often it needs watering.
- Very little fertilizer is required due to its slower growth rate.
- In lower light, watering frequency drops—wait longer between waterings.

Pairs well with:

Low-growing accents such as Aglaonema, short Dracaenas, Pothos, and other shade-tolerant underplantings that highlight the Kentia's tall, flowing canopy.

Key characteristics:

Attribute	Profile
Light	 Mixed
Water	 Low
Pest Resistance	 Average
Growth Habit	 7ft+ Large
Popularity	 High