

**GROWING**  
*Dypsis concinna*  
**IN PALM BEACH COUNTY**

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*Dypsis concinna* is a small palm native to central Madagascar. The species name means neat or pretty in Latin. It occurs in submontane rain forests at 2,400-3,000' elevation. *D. concinna* was previously named *Neophloga concinna*. This is a variable palm which can be either solitary or clumping. The leaves are pinnate or entire. The pinnate form has irregular leaflet spacing which is very distinctive. The form with entire leaves displays long thin bifid leaves. The stems measure ¼" in diameter and can grow 6' tall. The stems are covered with red-brown scales which add to the beauty of this palm.

I have a single specimen of *Dypsis concinna* in our garden. In 7 years its tallest stem tops out at 3' measured to the leaf tip. It only has 2 stems but 2 more have initiated. The grouped leaflets and the dark red-brown stem make this palm very showy. Like most palms previously named *Neophloga* it grows well in our sandy, Palm Beach County soil. It has never shown any nutritional deficiency when regularly fertilized. The record cold winters of 2009-2010 did not damage this palm at all even though it was only 3 years since planting.

This palm is not readily available at our palm sales. I will try to obtain a few of these gems for our meeting, palm auctions. This palm does not take up much space so every palm enthusiast should include it in their shade garden. Every time I walk past our specimen, I can't help but admire it.



**Seven year old**  
*Dypsis concinna*  
**growing in the Beck garden.**