In the South, Sago Palms (also commonly sold under the names of Coontie Palm, Cardboard Palm, Cycad or Zamia) grow throughout Florida, most of Louisiana and in the southern reaches of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. In the West their growing area includes much of Texas, Arizona and California.

Outside of the U.S. they are found in the New World tropics, Southern Africa, South and East Asia, Australia and the South Pacific. In Australia, loss of cattle afflicted with the "zamia staggers" led to government cycad-eradication campaigns. This family of palm plants are not only found in outdoor landscapes, but as ornamental houseplants as well.



Sago Palm - female plant

While most toxic plants warn potential predators away with a foul odor or bitter taste, the Sago Palm is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Because Sagos do not have these typical distractors, animals do not instinctively know not to eat or chew on the plants or the seed pods.

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## Sago Palms and Other Toxic Palms



Sago Palm - male plant

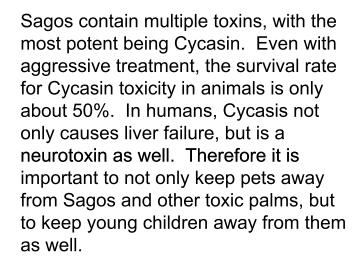
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Cardboard Palm





Coontie Palm



Ornamental Cardboard Palm



King Sago at UC Berkeley Campus



Sago Palm seed pods



Cycad Palm

## WARNING!

Due to the toxic components in these palms, it is important to wash your hands thoroughly after handling any part of the plant, as well as to wash your clothing and any gardening tools that came into contact with the plants.



Ornamental Sago Palm