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*Roystonea regia* (Kunth) O.F.Cook

**Family:** Arecaceae

**Common name:** Cuban royal palm

**Vernacular name:** ബോട്ടിൾ പാഠം

**Nativity:** Bahamas, Belize, Cayman, Cuba

**Habit:** Tree

**Habitat:** Moist abundant in Cuba, hillsides and valley

**IUCN Status:** Least Concerned

**Keynotes:** *Roystonea regia* is a large palm which reaches a height of 20–30 metres tall, and a stem diameter of about 47 cms. The trunk is stout, very smooth and grey-white in colour with a characteristic bulge below a distinctive green crownshaft. Trees have about 15 leaves which can be up to 4 m long. The flowers are white with pinkish anthers.

**Uses:** *Roystonea regia* has been planted throughout the tropics and subtropics as an ornamental. The seed is used as a source of oil and for livestock feed. Leaves are used for thatching and the wood for construction. The roots are used as a diuretic, and for that reason they are added to tifey, a Haitian drink, by Cubans of Haitian origin. They are also used as a treatment for diabetes.



## References

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