Cycad Gardens Nursery

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We are Australia’s largest specialist growers of rare and unique premium Cycads for top end landscape projects country wide.
Cycad Gardens Nursery Profile

- Owned and operated by Joe and Karen Perner – trading since 1991
- Located in Katherine, Northern Territory the Nursery comprises 1 Hectare of growing area under shade dedicated to the quality production of thousands of Cycads ranging in sizes from small to unique premium landscape feature plants.
- Cycad species rarely available in Australia are offered for sale. Plants can be shipped to any Australian state in pots or bare rooted. Plant Health Certificates are readily available.
- Cycads have low maintenance and water requirements and are high profile plants that can revitalize an existing garden or be used to establish a new garden. With the added benefit of enhancing leisure experience at home and increase property values.
- Joe Perner has successfully gained an Advanced Diploma of Horticulture (Nursery) and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Horticulture. He is recognized around the world as being a field Botanist and an expert on Cycads.
- We know, love, grow and sell one of the most unique and ancient plant species in the world.

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Cycads are Unique

Cycads are the planet’s oldest seed-bearing plants and are now highly threatened with extinction. They have outlived the dinosaurs and have been part of some remarkable transitions in climate and ecology. They are remarkable plants and are potent symbols of ancient and lost worlds.

No other group of plants commercially available are as rare as Cycads. They have extraordinary beauty and unusual appearances. They are the most sort after and coveted plants for landscaping, botanical gardens, public plantings and private collections.

Cycads have been increasing in popularity because of their unique and distinctive appearance. There is no other group of plants that is quite the same. They are one of the most desired Architecturally Striking Landscape plants.

They give an exclusive, unique, prehistoric upmarket touch to your landscapes. They are elegant and compliment many other types of plants. This tendency to be a companion plant is the reason why cycads are an excellent addition to most landscape designs.

Cycads have been in existence since the Permian era when dinosaurs roamed the earth’s surface more than 200 million years ago and can best be described as living fossils of the plant world.

The Benefits of Using Cycads

Invest in Cycads, a rare and protected species

- Water Wise – ideal for xerophytic plantings, drought hardy when established
- Growth habits and dimensions are well documented and are entirely predictable
- Cycad species can be selected to fit into any particular niche eg Landscape features, unique plantings at Resorts, public gardens and exclusive developments in shade to full sun
- Very appealing in single or group plantings
- Long lived – hundreds of years
- Require little maintenance and most species pest and insect resistant
- Ideal for pot culture both indoors and outdoors
- Evergreen retaining several years of leaf growth
Why Buy and put Energy into Cycads?

- **Historical Interest**
  Cycads date as far back as 250 million years ago when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Possessing a typically ancient look, each plant is a master piece of nature.

- **Investment**
  Being an exceptionally rare genus of flora. Buying a Cycad plant ensures you can watch your investment grow... literally!

- **Protection**
  As an owner of any Cycad species you not only get to enjoy the beauty of these magnificent plants, but also know that you are part of a select few who will "appreciate" these plants out of near extinction.

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Buy with Confidence

- NIASA Accredited Nursery
- EcoHort Accredited Nursery
- AQIS approved quarantine inspection facility
- Member NGIA, NGINT, MAIH
- ICA29 Registered – Western Australia

**Awards**

- 2004 Australian Garden Industry Award State Winner - Best Small Production Nursery of Northern Territory
- 2009 NT Chief Ministers Export Award Encouragement Award for Exporter of the Year Award

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