



**Tree
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TALL "SPIKY" PLANTS

Yuccas, Cordyline and Ponytails adorn many of our temperate gardens. They have tall trunks with "spiky" leaves. They often cause confusion due to their similar looks.

YUCCA ALOIFOLIA, commonly called Yuccas, originate from the southern parts of the United States and can grow up to 6m in height in warmer and drier gardens. They are very fast growing and unfortunately have a very wide base which can spread up to 2m wide. Yuccas are often planted close to walls and structures and push against them as they grow. The pressure from this can crack walls and even push them over. Our advice would be to plant Yuccas at least 3m away from walls and structures.

BEUCARNEA RECURVATA or Ponytail, originates from parts of Mexico and grows relatively slowly to a height of 2m to 3m. They have a swollen trunk and are often referred to as "Elephant's Foot" due to the thick trunk. They are handsome specimens and are often planted in tropical or succulent landscaped gardens. As with the Yucca, be careful not to plant them too close to walls and structures because of their wide base.

CORDYLINE AUSTRALIS or **Cordyline**, is a tall grower which originates from New Zealand. Cordylines can reach 12m to 15m very fast and are found in various climates because they are so adaptable. There are beautiful colorful varieties available at Garden Centers and these are slower growing and will not reach the height of the original green variety. Cordylines start off with a tap root and have tall narrow trunks. They should not interfere with walls and structures. Due to their height Cordylines are not accessible with regular ladders for cleaning up the dead leaves / straps when they are mature.



YUCCA



PONYTAIL



CORDYLINE



RED SENSATION CORDYLINE

Brand's Tree Felling can assist you with cleaning and trimming of your tall Yuccas, Ponytails and Cordylines. Our Area Managers can also assist with identifying your plants and advise whether they will pose a danger to surrounding walls or structures in future.

Additional Services

- **Tree Felling**
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Ready to give your palm trees the care they need? **Contact us today to arrange a free quote appointment!**



Our Area Managers



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