





Ceratozamia mexicana
Mexican Horncone

Ceratozamia mexicana, or Mexican Horncone, is a cycad and just one of two species in the genus *Ceratozamia*. Trunks of this species will with great age reach up to 4-6 feet (almost 2 m) tall and about 12 inches (60 cm) in diameter. The whorled pinnate leaves are erect and spreading to 9 feet (2.7 m) long. The plant is essentially unchanged since the Mesozoic Era and is a primitive seed plant. I estimate our specimen to be about 70 years old. They are very slow growers and are hardy in the landscape in USDA zone 10-11.

Plants are either female or male. Seeds are borne on modified, scale-like armed leaves which densely group together to form large cones. With this species and most cycads, the female will produce cones without pollination, but the seed will not mature or have embryos. Our plant produces a cone every year but we do not have a male plant to cross it with. (If you know where we can obtain pollen, please let us know!) *Ceratozamia mexicana* needs light shade with a well drained soil mix. *Ceratozamia mexicana* is propagated by the removal of offsets and from seed.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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