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Figure 1. An oasis with California fan palms, also known as desert fan palms (Washingtonia filifera (Linden ex André) H. Wendl. [Arecaceae]).

## Propagation methods for Washingtonia filifera

(Linden ex André) H. Wendl. (Arecaceae)

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## **ABSTRACT**

California fan palm, also known as desert fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera* (Linden ex André) H. Wendl. [Arecaceae]) is a ubiquitous species within the highly restricted and unique desert oases ecosystems of the Sonoran, Mojave, and extreme southeastern Colorado desert regions. Today, many of the desert oases are threatened by groundwater removal. Fresh seeds can be sown without treatment, and seeds collected from coyote scat have also germinated well.

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## KEY WORDS

palm oases, groundwater dependent ecosystems, seeds, coyote dispersal, California fan palm, desert fan palm

## NOMENCLATURE

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