

**Crazy about Cactus & Succulents**  
**October 2009**

***Nolina recurvata*** (*Beaucarnea recurva*), – Ponytail Palm  
(no-leen-a)

- FAMILY: Liliaceae
- ORIGIN: Mexico
- HABIT: “Bulbous” herbaceous shrub, small tree
- SIZE: 1’-6’
- HARDINESS: Tolerant of full sun and dry air as well as very cool drafty areas
- CULTURE: Medium to bright light- even full sun
- INTERIOR USE: Large floor specimen, can attain large stature
- FOLIAGE: Rosette of leaves up to 3’ long and 1/2 – 1’ wide, rough, slightly leathery, blue-green or grayish
- FLOWERS: Clusters of small whitish flowers, appear from central rosette
- PROPAGATION: Stem sprouts, lateral shoots, root in heated area (70-73°F). For indoor propagation- cut shoots in spring, let dry for 7-8 hours before planting; moisten potting mix and cover with a plastic bag, place in a bright spot, will also re-sprout from leafless “stump”
- PESTS/DISEASES: Scale, mealy bug
- CULTIVARS WORTH NOTING: *N. recurvata* ‘Variegata’—creamy margins