

# Species Datasheet

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(family.genus.species)

DBT- Network Programme

## 1. Taxon:

Species *Phoenix sylvestris* (L.) Roxb.

Subspecies

Variety

Cultivar

Hybrid

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2. **Synonyms:** *Elate sylvestris* L., *E. versicolor* Salisb.

## 3. Systematic Position:

### APG IV (2016)

- Kingdom: Plantae
- Clade: Angiosperm
- Clade: Monocots
- Clade: Commelinids
- Order: Arecales Bromhead
- Family: Arecaceae Bercht. & J. Presl
- Genus: *Phoenix* L.
- Species: *P. sylvestris* (L.) Roxb.

### Bentham and Hooker (1862)

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Phanerogamia

Class: Monocotyledones

Series: Calycinae

Ordo: Palmae Juss.

Genus: *Phoenix* L.

Species: *P. sylvestris* (L.) Roxb.

## 4. Distribution:

**Global:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan

**India:** Throughout

5. **Indigenous/Exotic/ Endemic; Cultivated/Wild:** Wild

## 6. Threat Status:

**IUCN:**

**BSI:**

7. **Habit and Habitat:** Tree. Low elevations, disturbed plains, open grassy areas, adapted to various ecological conditions; often cultivated.

8. **Life Form:** Phanerophytes

9. **Economic Importance:** Fruits are eaten locally, also medicinally important; stems are tapped for sweet tap, source of jiggery, leaves are used for making brooms and basketry; stem cut into pieces and used as fuel; mature fruits are eaten.

10. **Probable Progenitor of:**

## 11. DNA

C- value

Methodology

12. **Basic chromosome number(s):**

13. **Zygotic chromosome number(s):**  $2n=36$ <sup>3,31,37</sup>

14. **Gametic chromosome number(s):**  $n=18$ <sup>3,31</sup>

15. **Specialized chromosomes (B chromosomes/Sex chromosomes/Polytene chromosomes/Neocentric chromosomes):** Presence of one heteromorphic pair of chromosomes (AA<sub>1</sub>) in somatic cells of male plant and one heteromorphic pair during meiosis<sup>31</sup>

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16. **Ploidy level:**

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17. **Agametoploidy**

18. **Nature of polyploidy (auto, segmental, allo, autoallo):**

19. **Genomic formula:**

**20. Aberrant chromosome number(s) (aneuploidy, aneusomy, polysomy):** Somatic cells with abnormal chromosomes number  $2n=19$ <sup>31</sup>,  $2n=28$ <sup>31</sup>,  $2n=30$ <sup>31</sup>

**21. Somatic chromosomes:**

**Karyotype:** Majority nearly metacentric to metacentric chromosomes<sup>31</sup>

**Chromosome size:** Very small<sup>31</sup>

**NOR chromosome(s):** 4 NOR<sup>31</sup>

**Degree of asymmetry:**

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**22. Banding pattern(s):**

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**23. Physical mapping of chromosomes:**

**In situ hybridization**

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**Fluorescent in situ hybridization**

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**24. Genomic in situ hybridization:**

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**25. Linkage map:**

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**26. Chromosome associations:**

**Female meiosis**

**Male meiosis** 18 II<sup>3,31</sup>

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**27. Chromosome distribution at anaphase I:**

**28. Genetic diversity:**

**Chromosomal level**

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**DNA level**

**29. Any other information (Apomixis; Inversion; Male sterility; Pollen grain mitosis; Pollen stainability; Translocations etc):**