



## SILVER THATCH

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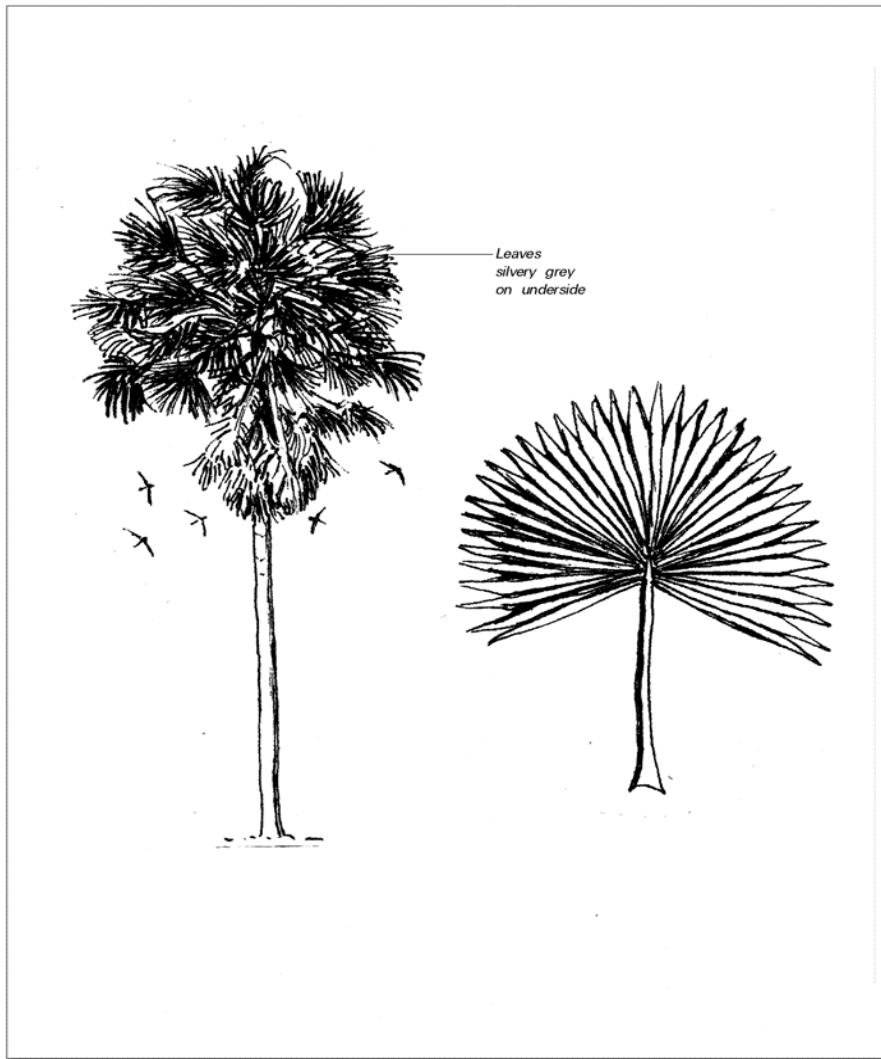
This is a typical palm of the dry limestone forests such as Hellshire. It has a characteristic slender trunk of 10-12 cm in diameter and grows between 3 and 8 m tall. The leaves which are shaped like a fan (hence the name fan palm) get up to 1 m in diameter and grow at the end of the stalk. They are lobed and have long pointed segments.

The ripe fruit is dark brown or black; it is small and hard and measures 6 mm in diameter. Thatch palm as the name suggests, is used for thatching of roofs and is also used to make bags, baskets and brooms.

Other thatch palms are: Brown Thatch (*Thrinax parviflora*) and Bull Thatch (*Sabal jamaicensis*), whose dry leaves, hanging from the tree, are often used by nesting colonies of palm swifts.

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Family: <b>Palmae</b>	Species: <i>Coccothrinax jamaicensis</i>	Author: Read
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Height: 8m	Habitat: Coastal and Limestone forest	Persistence: Evergreen
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