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Arborescent Monocots

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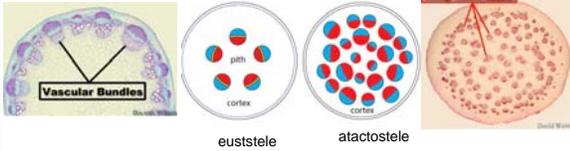
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**I. Introduction**

A. Monocots evolution

1. From dicots

- Loss of a cotyledon
- Transformation to parallel venation
- Loss of eustele and vasc. bundle procambium\*



\*Thus, no vascular cambium or woody growth

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**I. Introduction**

A. Monocots evolution

B. Yet some are arborescent



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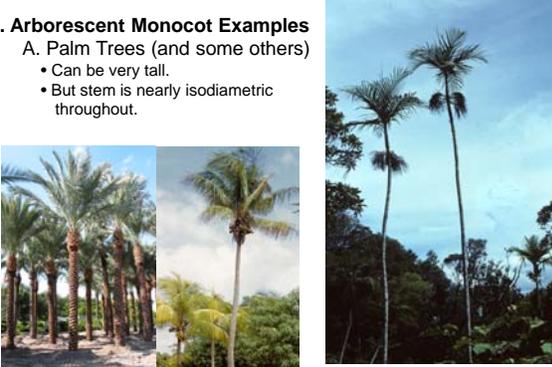
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**II. Arborescent Monocot Examples**

A. Palm Trees (and some others)

- Can be very tall.
- But stem is nearly isodiametric throughout.



*Alloschmidia* (New Caledonia)

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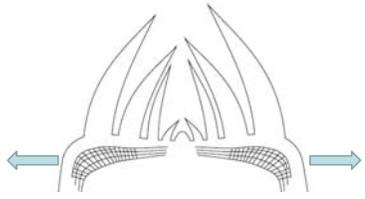
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1. Primary thickening Meristem



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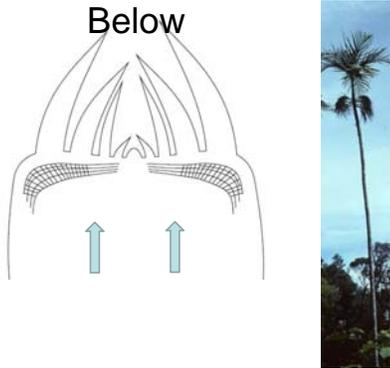
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2. Diffuse Growth in Length  
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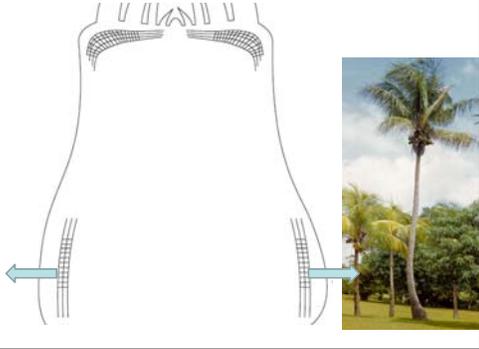
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3. Secondary TM in some



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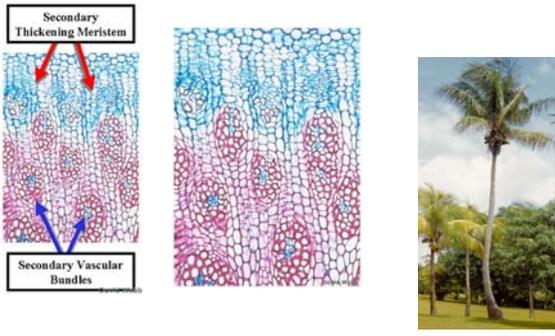
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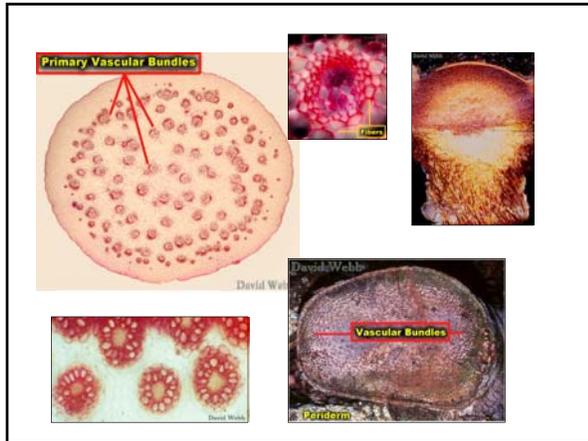
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**II. Arborescent Monocot Examples**

B. Banana "trees"

- Some reach 15 m.
- But they are all herbaceous.

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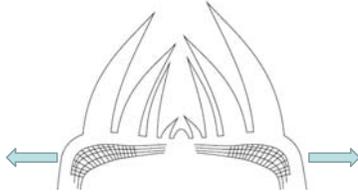
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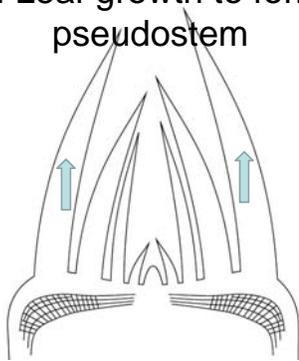
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2. Leaf growth to form pseudostem



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