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NEWEST LIST LOCATIONS

CYCAS

Cycas angulata	-	Nth. Qld and Northern Territory
Cycas armstrongii	-	Western Australia & Northern Territory
Cycas basaltica	-	Western Australia
Cycas calcicola	-	Northern Territory

✕ New Unofficial spp.

✕ Cycas tolmerensis	-	Finnis River, Northern Territory
✕ Cycas burnsii	-	Cox Peninsular, Northern Territory
Cycas furfuraceae	-	Western Australia
Cycas cairnsiana	-	Nth. Queensland
Cycas kennedyana	-	Nth. Queensland
Cycas media	-	Nth. Queensland and Sth. Queensland
Cycas normanbyana	-	Nth. Queensland
Cycas pruinosa	-	Western Australia

Cycas spp.

Falm like plants with erect cylindrical stems up to 6 metres tall, some specimens photographed far north appear much higher. Caudex crusted with old leaf bases.

The mature seeds are yellow or brown fleshy covered outer sarcostesta and are bluntly ellipsoidal.

Seeds are not enclosed in a recognised cone but are notched around the edges of flat, often woolly sporophylls which can mass together or hang pendant from the apex of the caudex.

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Letter of exceeding interest from Don Stallard of Darwin -

Don says that after a recent discussion with a well known botanist-cum-nursery owner, Mr. Heam spoke about the different features encountered on a survey of *Cycas calcicola* in the Finnis River region and those on Cox Peninsular. (Both locations S.W. & W. of Darwin some 8 kms).

The survey carried out some years ago found sufficient modifications and variations to classify the two different species, supposedly separate, to the recognised *Cycas calcicola* of the Katherine area (300 kms. S. of Darwin).

Although this is not botanically written up as yet, names of *Cycas tolmerensis* and *Cycas burnsii* are given.

Don states that he has always puzzled that there is no real grey appearance on the leaflets of the Cox Peninsular plants.

He has even suggested this just could be the cross between *C. armstrongii* and *C. calcicola*.

Don Stallard will do further investigations next year.