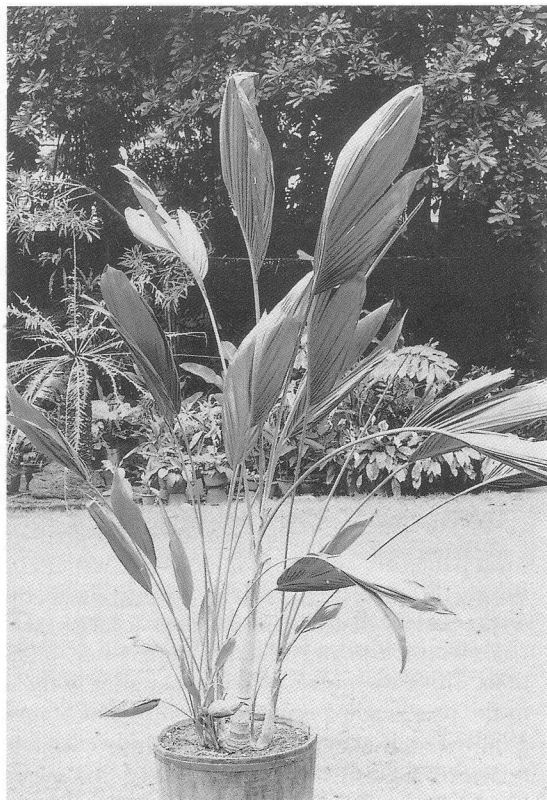


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## A Freak Form of *Dypsis lutescens*



IPS member Shri Dhar has sent photographs of a strange form of *Dypsis lutescens* cultivated in his garden in Calcutta. With its undivided leaves it looks completely different from the usual form of *Dypsis lutescens*, but specimens that Shri Dhar sent to John Dransfield at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for identification displayed the scales, wax and texture typical of this species. *Dypsis*



*lutescens* is very variable and some of the distinctive forms have been selected and clonally propagated, particularly in Thailand and the Philippines (see front cover of *PALMS* Vol. 43(2) (April 1999)). Shri Dhar would like to hear from any members who can throw more light on this extraordinary palm (Shri Dhar, 20 Ballygunge Park Road, Calcutta 700 019, India).